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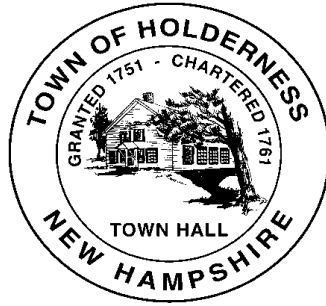
New Hampshire

Annual Report for Year Ending

December 31, 2019



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# ANNUAL REPORT

of the

OFFICERS

within the

TOWN

of

HOLDERNESS

New Hampshire

Year Ending December 31, 2019

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## DEDICATION

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The Holderness Select Board is pleased to dedicate the 2019 Town Report to Malcom “Tink” Taylor. He has had a long and varied history of public service at the community, regional and State level. In the late 1960’s, Tink was at the forefront of the Conservation movement in our community as the founder and first Chair of the Holderness Conservation Commission and where he served for more than 20 years. He also founded and served as chair of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions, and served as Chair of the New Hampshire Natural Resources Council. His commitment to conservation has also been demonstrated through both his service as a founding member of the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center and his term as President of the Squam Lakes Association.

A two term State Representative, Tink played a vital role helping to protect the natural resources within our region and the State. He served as Chair of the Livermore Falls Gorge Study Committee, the group whose work led to the State’s eventual purchase of Livermore Falls and the beginning of what has become Livermore Falls State Park.

Tink’s lifelong interest in education is evidenced by his service as a high school history teacher, a member of the Plymouth Regional High School Board and most notably the first elected Moderator of the Holderness School District. He served admirably in this position for many years, most recently filling a vacancy in 2014.

Public Safety is another area in which Tink has made a number of contributions. He has served as a State Trooper, an area Police Officer and a State Boat Inspector with the New Hampshire Division of Safety Services. Tink continues to put those years of practical experience to use as our community’s representative to the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) at the Lakes Region Planning Commission. This committee has played a vital role in spearheading many of the transportation enhancements in our region. For many years, Tink served on the Holderness Fire Department.

Tink has given generously of his time and energy to our community, the region and the state during his more than 50 years of public service. Tink, we hope that this dedication will, in some way, let you know how much we value and appreciate your contribution. Thank You!



## MEETING SCHEDULES

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**Select Board** – Meetings are held every other Monday at 5:00 P.M. downstairs in the Town Hall. The board reviews/discusses correspondence and signs necessary documents, accounts payable and payroll, and then moves upstairs at 5:30 P.M.

**Budget Committee** – Meets in August and again in late October through February. Dates and times may vary, please look for meeting notices during this time.

**Conservation Commission** – Meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:00 P.M. in the downstairs conference room at the Town Hall. (*This commission typically does not meet for the months of July, August and January.*)

**Energy Committee** – Meets at 3:30 P.M. on a quarterly basis throughout the year.

**Holderness Central School Board** - Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:15 P.M. in the Holderness Central School Library, unless otherwise posted.

**Library Trustees** – Meets once monthly; days of the month and time vary. Look for postings at Town Hall, the Post Office or the Library.

**Planning Board** – Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. upstairs in the Town Hall. Applications submitted to this board are due 28 days before the meeting date.

**Recreation Board** – Meets once a month on a Monday night at 5:30 P.M. The Monday night may vary, please look for posted agenda.

**Zoning Board of Adjustment** – Meets every 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:15 P.M. upstairs in the Town Hall, as needed. Applications submitted to this Board are due 28 days before the meeting date.

*\* Meeting dates and times are subject to change; please visit our website at [www.holderness-nh.gov](http://www.holderness-nh.gov) for updated notices.*

## TOWN OFFICERS

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### **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Amy Sharpe

### **ASSESSORS' AGENT**

Corcoran Consulting Association

Marybeth Walker

### **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Kenneth Evans, Chr. 2022

Joseph Casey, School Board 2020

Kevin Barrett 2021

Todd Elgin 2022

Robert Maloney 2021

Dayna Titus 2021

Kelly Schwaner, SBL, Alt. 2021

Jill White, SBL 2020

### **COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

Eleanor Mardin

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Larry Spencer, Chr. 2021

Anne Packard, V.Chr 2020

Shelagh Connelly 2022

Brian Gagnon 2022

Benoni Amsden 2021

Jacquelyn Jewell 2020

Woodie Laverack, SBL 2021

### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Kevin Coburn, Hwy Agent

Dennis Hughes

Cody Maynard

Dean Melanson

### **EMERGENCY MAN. SERVICES**

Walter Johnson, Director

### **ENERGY COMMITTEE**

Michael Capone

Larry Spencer

Tom Stepp

Sam Brickley, SBL

### **FINANCE OFFICER**

Amy Sharpe

### **FIRE CHIEF / WARDEN**

Eleanor Mardin

### **FIRE WARDS**

\*\*Earl Hansen 2022

\*\*Randall Eastman 2021

\*\*David Dupuis 2020

### **HEALTH OFFICER**

Michael Capone

### **HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL**

#### **BOARD**

\*\*Carolyn Mello, Chr. 2021

\*\*Kristina Casey 2022

\*\*Joanna Pearce 2022

\*\*Meridith Mitchell 2021

\*\*Joseph Casey 2020

### **HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL**

#### **CLERK**

\*\*Sara Weinberg 2022

### **HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL**

#### **MODERATOR**

\*\*TBD

### **HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL**

#### **TREASURER**

\*\*Kathleen Whittemore 2020

### **LAKES REGION PLANNING**

#### **COMMISSION**

Robert Snelling

Todd Elgin

### **LANDUSE BOARDS ASSISTANT**

Linda Levy

### **LIBRARIAN**

Adam Di Filippo

### **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

\*\*Thomas "Ted" Vansant, Chr. 2021

\*\*Andrew Herring 2022

\*\*Betsy Whitmore 2022

\*\*Victor Currier 2021

\*\*Carol Snelling 2020

\*\*Albert Saul, Alt. 2020

Samuel Brickley, SBL 2022

Peter Francesco, SBL, Alt. 2020

### **MODERATOR**

\*\*Daniel Rossner 2021

## TOWN OFFICERS (continued)

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### **OVERSEER OF WELFARE**

Krystal Alpers

### **PATRIOTIC PURPOSES**

Jill White

### **PLANNING BOARD**

Robert Snelling, Chr.	2021
Carl Lehner, V.Chr.	2022
Donna Bunnell, Sec.	2020
Ronald Huntoon	2022
Louis Pare	2022
Angi Francesco	2020
Peter Francesco, SBL	2020
Janet Cocchiario, Alt	2022

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief: Jeremiah Patridge  
 Lieutenant: Erik F. DiFilippe  
 Sergeant: Michael Grier  
 Patrol Officer/SRO: Michael Barney  
 Patrol Officer: Andrew Strickland  
 Patrol Officer: David A. Waterbury  
 PT Patrol Officer: Amanda Hutchins  
 PT Patrol Officer: Mark Nash  
 Admin Assistant: Alice O'Connor

### **RECREATION BOARD**

Thomas Stepp, Chr.	2021
Adar Fejes	2022
Nathaniel Fuller	2022
Amanda Bussolari	2020
Jennifer Evans	2020
Janis Messier	2020
George Sutcliffe	2020
John Laverack Jr., SBL	2021

### **RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Wendy Werner, Director

### **SELECT BOARD**

**Jill White, Chr.	2020
**John W. Laverack, V.Chr.	2021
**Samuel Brickley	2022
**Kelly Schwaner	2022
**Peter Francesco	2020

### **SUPERVISORS of the CHECKLIST**

**Alicia Abbott	2024
**Edith Jaconsky-Hamersma	2022
**Frances K. Hanson	2020

### **TAX COLLECTOR**

Ellen King  
 Sara Hixon, Deputy (resigned)

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Michael Capone

### **TOWN ATTORNEY**

Drummond Woodsom

### **TOWN AUDITORS**

Melanson Heath

### **TOWN CLERK**

**Ellen King	2020
Sara Hixon, Deputy (resigned)	

### **TOWN TREASURER**

Todd Elgin

### **TRUSTEES of TRUST FUNDS**

**Brinton Woodward	2022
**Bonnie Hunt	2021
**Maurice Lafreniere	2020

### **ZONING BOARD of ADJUSTMENT**

Robert Maloney, Chr.	2022
Judith Ruhm	2022
Kristen Fuller	2020
Roderick "Eric" MacLeish	2020
William Zurhellen	2020

\* "until another person shall be  
 chosen and qualified."

\*\* Elected Officials

SBL Select Board Liaison

## FUND BALANCE POLICY

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### ***PREFACE***

The Town of Holderness (“Town”) through its Select Board establishes and will maintain reservation of Fund Balance, as defined herein, in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) Statement No. 54, Fund Balance reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions. This policy shall only apply to the Town’s governmental funds. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 54, Fund Balance shall be composed of non-spendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned amounts.

### ***PURPOSE***

The purpose of this policy is to establish a key element of the financial stability of the Town by setting guidelines for fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is an important measure of economic stability. It is essential that the Town maintain adequate levels of unassigned fund balance to mitigate financial risks that can occur from unforeseen revenue fluctuations, unanticipated expenditures, emergencies, and similar circumstances. The fund balance also provides cash flow liquidity for the Town’s general operations.

### ***DEFINITIONS***

1. **Non-Spendable Fund Balance** – includes amounts that are not in a spendable form (such as inventory or prepaid expenses) or are required to be maintained intact (such as principal of an endowment fund).
2. **Restricted Fund Balance** – includes amounts that can only be spent for the specific purpose stipulated by external resource providers (such as grantors) or enabling legislation (Town Meeting vote). Restrictions may be changed or lifted only with the consent of the resource providers or enabling legislation.
3. **Committed Fund Balance** – includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Town’s highest level of decision-making authority. Commitments may be changed or lifted only by taking the same formal action that imposed the constraint originally. The action must be approved or rescinded, as applicable, prior to the last day of the fiscal year for which the commitment is made. The amount subject to the constraint may be determined in a subsequent period.

## **FUND BALANCE POLICY (continued)**

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4. **Assigned Fund Balance** – includes amounts the Town intends to use for a specific purpose. For all governmental funds other than the General Fund, any remaining positive amounts are to be classified as “assigned”. Items that fall under this classification for the General Fund would be encumbrances properly approved by contract, purchase order, or other such action as required.
5. **Unassigned Fund Balance** – includes amounts that are not obligated or specifically designated and is available for any purpose. The residual classification of any General Fund balance is to be reported here. Any deficit balance of another fund is also classified as unassigned.

### ***SPENDING PRIORITIZATIONS***

When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, restricted fund balance is considered to have been spent first.

When expenditures are incurred for the purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications can be used, committed amounts should be reduced first, followed by assigned amounts and the unassigned amounts.

### ***MINIMUM LEVEL OF UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE***

The Town will strive to maintain an unassigned fund balance in its General Fund equal to 6-10% of the total appropriations of the community (which includes Town, School and County). The Select Board will review this information each year in order to determine the amount, if any, of unassigned fund balance to use to balance the budget and to reduce the property tax rate.

### ***ANNUAL REVIEW***

Compliance with the provisions of this policy should be reviewed as part of the annual budget adoption process.

Date of Adoption: February 11, 2013

Holderness Select Board,

Jill White, Chair  
John Laverack, Vice Chairman  
Samuel Brickley  
Peter Francesco  
Kelly Schwaner



## **MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS & COMMITTEES**

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

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If I have learned anything in my four years here, it is that Holderness is a unique and special place. Not only are we blessed with an abundance of natural beauty, our residents and home owners take great pride in our community and work together to keep it the truly amazing place that it is. Our seasonal visitors follow their good example and do their part as well during their time here.

Another group that I would submit are good partners in this endeavor are your Town employees who, day in and day out, do their jobs with purpose and commitment to the greater good. They, like so many of you, appreciate the opportunity they have to be part of something special and it shows in the quality of their work. They frequently cite the support and encouragement they receive from residents and visitors as additional motivation for working so tirelessly to do the best they can to keep Holderness the special place that it is. As always, I encourage you all to reach out to your department heads and employees to speak with them regarding items of mutual interest. They will be happy to speak with you and answer any questions you may have. Contact information for each of the Town Departments may be found online, or on the back cover of this Town Report.

Over at the Town Hall we are continuing to work on ways to make government more accessible to you twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Late this year we rolled out a new website with features that will make it more accessible over a variety of platforms. We are still learning some of the features of the system and will make them available to all users as time permits. We hope you will find the new website to be a useful tool. As always, we welcome your input so feel free to reach out and share your ideas with us.

Another feature we would like to implement this year is the use of fillable forms for many of our online documents. This will allow those of you who may not be able to get to the Town office to submit applications for permits the opportunity to do so online and send in the forms via email. We also hope to work out a system of delivering and paying for permits electronically as well.

Ellen, Amy, Wendy, and Linda continue to serve residents and visitors alike with unparalleled professionalism. They take great pride in what they do and look forward to helping folks with any questions or other inquiries regarding Town Office related functions.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT (continued)**

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Sara Hixon, our part time Deputy Town Clerk-Tax Collector left her position late in 2019 to pursue a new career path. We wish Sara the best and thank her for her years of dedicated service to our community. Hopefully, we will find someone who will carry out the duties of the position with the same level of dedication and efficiency.

The staff here at the Town office and all of your employees will continue to dedicate themselves to serving the community in 2020 and beyond. We always welcome your questions and suggestions so please feel free to contact us or stop by for a visit.

We thank you for your continued support and wish you all a safe and prosperous 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael R. Capone  
Town Administrator

## **SELECT BOARD REPORT**

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As the governing body of the Town of Holderness your Select Board members are charged with a number of responsibilities. Chief among them are the regulation of Town roads, the layout of said roads, the management of Town property, the adoption of Town codes and ordinances, the valuation and taxation of real property and oversight of the Town's operating budget, capital reserves and fund balance.

The Select Board meets every other Monday evening at the Town Office to conduct general business such as approving accounts payable and payroll as well as acting on any other business that may come before them. A portion of each meeting is set aside for public comment. The Board appoints a Town Administrator to assist them with general operations and long-term goal setting. If you are not able to attend a meeting and have a question or a concern, please contact the Town Administrator by phone 968-2145 or by email [administrator@holderness-nh.gov](mailto:administrator@holderness-nh.gov) and he will be happy to assist you.

The Board was very active in 2019. Early in the year the Board received a clean report from our auditing firm for the previous fiscal year's operating budget. They also prepared the Town Warrant for the March meeting which was unanimously approved by the voters. The annual spring business meeting facilitated a healthy exchange of ideas resulting in new proposals for consideration at this year's Town Meeting including the expansion of the Municipal parking area behind the Post Office as well as the reconstruction of the sidewalks in the downtown area. We look forward to continued discussions this spring.

The Board took proactive steps to minimize the budgetary impacts to the upcoming operating budget by entering into a fixed price agreement of our oil and propane purchases for the winter heating season. They also participated in a region wide electric aggregation agreement that will lock in a lower than market rate for electricity for the period through November of 2020.

The Board was actively engaged with both our State Senator, Bob Giuda and our State Representatives, Sallie Fellows, Suzanne Smith and Joyce Weston on a number of Legislative items from the past session. They were all very helpful and supportive of our community and we appreciate their commitment to our residents. We look forward to their continued support during the 2020 legislative session.

At the local level the Board has developed a road standard for the Town which we hope to have in place by the time you read this report. We also worked with the Recreation Board to revise the Beach Ordinance and the Highway and Police Departments to revise the Snow Removal Ordinance. We will continue to work to revise and update other Ordinances as circumstances dictate.

## SELECT BOARD REPORT (continued)

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We will continue to monitor the everchanging real estate market and work with the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration and our Assessing Firm, Corcoran and Associates, to be certain that all properties in Town are assessed fairly. As conditions dictate, interim statistical updates may be required to keep all values proportionate.

The Board has been actively engaged in working with the regional planning commission and other agencies and communities to develop long term solutions to mitigate the spiraling costs of solid waste disposal. Our newest contract extension will commence in the fall of 2020 and while it carries a substantial increase in costs, we have been able to limit the increase given our long-term relationship with our vendor, Waste Management.

The Board could not complete their mission without the cooperation and support of not only all of the Town Departments, but also the many community members who volunteer to serve on the various boards and committees in Town. Their participation is an essential and vital component of Town Government. Many of those Boards, Committees and Commissions are in search of new members and we would encourage you to volunteer your time to assist. You will find it to be very rewarding!

We would like to thank you for your confidence and support and wish you all a safe, happy and prosperous 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill White, Chair  
Woodie Laverack, Vice Chair  
Sam Brickley

Peter Francesco  
Kelly Schwaner



L to R: Sam Brickley, Kelly  
Schwaner, Jill White, Woodie  
Laverack, Peter Francesco

## COMPLIANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

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This year, you will notice another round of proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinances that you are being asked to consider. All of these changes were prompted by suggestions made by our Town Counsel. The Planning Board organized a sub-committee to review all of the ordinance suggestions and rewrite those whose wording was confusing or unclear, as well as to make substantive proposed changes to ordinances that were in need of revision. The end result allowed us to condense all of the revisions into 13 proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinances. Please see pages 54-56 of this report. To gain a more complete understanding of each proposal, please come to the Town Hall to pick up a copy of each of the Zoning Ordinance changes. You will see the current version of each Ordinance as well as the proposed changes to that Ordinance. I suggest that you log into our website ([https://www.holderness-nh.gov/sites/holdernessnh/files/uploads/2019\\_zoning\\_ordinance\\_0.pdf](https://www.holderness-nh.gov/sites/holdernessnh/files/uploads/2019_zoning_ordinance_0.pdf)) and have a copy of the 2019 Zoning Ordinances available as you read through each proposal. That will give you a better understanding of each Ordinance and the proposed changes.

Here are a few reminders related to Building Permits, and Planning Board and Zoning Board applications:

Building permits are required for renovations, additions, changes in volumes, etc. Any time you are doing anything to your home that costs greater than \$5000, a permit is required. Once received, the permit is reviewed for completeness and if approved, the Landuse Assistant issues the permit. If denied, you will have to propose your project to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The Zoning Board hears proposals for all changes to a homeowner's property that do not comply with the Holderness Town Ordinances. For example, perhaps you want to put an addition on your home that does not comply with setbacks, or you need a new septic or well and the only place to put it is too close to the property line. For cases like that, you need to complete the Zoning Board of Adjustment application found at [https://www.holderness-nh.gov/sites/holdernessnh/files/uploads/zbaapplication\\_1.9.19\\_1.pdf](https://www.holderness-nh.gov/sites/holdernessnh/files/uploads/zbaapplication_1.9.19_1.pdf).

The Planning Board hears proposals for subdivisions, boundary line adjustments, lot mergers, and site plan reviews for commercial property, schools/colleges/universities, condo associations, motels, etc. The application for those proposals can be found at [https://www.holderness-nh.gov/sites/holdernessnh/files/uploads/pb\\_application\\_form\\_edited\\_4.19\\_0.pdf](https://www.holderness-nh.gov/sites/holdernessnh/files/uploads/pb_application_form_edited_4.19_0.pdf).

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

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The RSA governing conservation commissions in New Hampshire states “...commission shall conduct researches into its local land and water areas...”. In order to maintain parcels under the jurisdiction of the commission, two types of surveys are usually undertaken; a forest inventory and a natural resource inventory. A forest inventory of the Howe Town Forest and the Pilote Forest has been done and those inventories formed the basis of the forest cuts that were done a few years back. We are now in the process of doing natural resource inventories on the two properties. The contract was awarded to FB Environmental of Portsmouth/Portland and agents of that group are now in the process of inventorying the two parcels. Part of the contract stipulated that they would examine the parcels in all four seasons, and they are well into that work. Part of the contract also requires them to make both an oral presentation on their work and to do a guided tour of the properties for town residents. These activities will take place sometime this spring or coming summer.

The Commission continues to work to get the area to the south of Holderness Road in the Intervale into some sort of protection scheme. We are calling this the Oxbow Preserve project. We are working closely with property owners, the Town of Plymouth Conservation Commission, and the regional chapter of the New England Mountain Bike Association. This is a long-term project. The area is already widely used for nature studies, dog walking, mountain biking and other recreational activities. We are also working to provide greater access to the bog property adjacent to Smith/Sargent Road.

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT (continued)

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The Commission is pleased to see increased use of the trail systems on the Howe Town Forest, the Pilote Forest and the Pemi Riverside Park. We have received many positive comments on the trails and hope that the community will continue to visit all properties both summer and winter. Sign boards have been put up at the trail heads of all properties. Please carry in and carry out and if you have a pet, pick up materials produced by your pet.

The Chair continues to fulfill his responsibilities as a board member of the NH Association of Conservation Commission and as vice-chair on the NH DES Rivers Management Advisory Committee. The Commission appreciates the assistance of the Land Use Assistant, Linda Levy.

Submitted on behalf of the Holderness Conservation Commission,

Larry Spencer, Chair  
Ben Amsden  
Shelagh Connelly  
Brian Gagnon  
Jacque Jewell  
Anne Packard  
John W. Laverack, Jr., Select Board Representative



L to R: Larry Spencer, Shelagh Connelly, Jacque Jewell, Anne Packard, Brian Gagnon, Ben Amsden

## ENERGY COMMITTEE REPORT

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The long-term goal of the Holderness Energy Committee is to have the municipality of the Town of Holderness be energy sustainable; that is, produce enough energy from low CO<sub>2</sub> producing sources to cover the total energy usage. With the help of present and past Town Administrators, we believe we have reduced the use of energy via replacement of lighting, insulation of buildings, finding energy leaks in Town buildings, etc., to a fairly low level. Our next goal relates to having the town invest in energy producing systems, like solar, wind, and geothermal. The committee has suggested green systems; so far, the payback seemed to be too long for the Town to invest Town funds in those projects. As installation and maintenance costs fall, we will continue to research and offer the Town options.

Although it has not been a major goal, the Committee hopes that the work we have done on Town structures will be a model for our Town's residents. Most of the committee members have not only installed solar on their own properties, but have also worked to reduce their own personal energy usage. Members of the committee are modeling by actual practice.

The Committee meets quarterly. With the assistance given by the Town Administrator, we monitor the Town's energy usage and provide feedback to the Administrator and the Select Board on that usage. We do appreciate support in the form of budgetary assistance the Town has provided toward energy sustainability.

On behalf of the Energy Committee,

Larry Spencer, Chair  
Tom Stepp  
Ted Vasant



## **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

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The Fire Department had another busy year with 383 calls in 2019. Our busiest month was October with 53 calls, mostly due to the wind storm that took down several trees onto power lines throughout the entire Town.

There are many property owners who also have rental properties such as Airbnb's, VRBOs, cottages, cabins, apartments/houses, and ADUs in Holderness. Any rental property that has any kind of carbon monoxide producing device (cook stove, fireplace, wood stove, etc.), is required by the National Fire Protection Association Life Safety 101, and State and local fire codes, to have hard-wired smoke and heat detectors. A licensed electrician must install these devices.

Congratulations are due to two of our members! Jimmy Wieliczko earned his Bachelor of Science in Fire Science from Anna Maria College. He has been hired as a full-time firefighter in Moultonborough. Tyler Driscoll completed his A-EMT and is working full-time in Plymouth. Both are still on our call department.

Other membership news: Abby Blake is our newest member and has completed her EMT. Trevor Randlett left Holderness in October to join the United States Marines.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Mardin  
Fire Chief

### **CHIEF**

Eleanor Mardin

### **DEPUTY CHIEF**

Randy Eastman  
Scott Fields

### **CAPTAIN**

Jeremy Bonan  
William Currier  
Jim Chapin  
Jon Abear

### **HONORARY**

Richard Mardin  
Dave Dupuis  
Gary Mack

### **SAFETY**

Earl Hansen

### **ENGINEER**

Richard Currier

### **EMT**

Abby Blake  
Todd Randlett

### **FIREFIGHTER/EMT**

Amelia Currier  
Tyler Driscoll  
Kevin Rogers

### **FIREFIGHTERS**

Walter Johnson  
Ron Saulnier  
Trevor Solomon  
Jim Wieliczko  
Jimmy Wieliczko

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLS for 2019**

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Medical	172	Fuel Spills	4
Alarm Activations	82	Vehicle Fires	4
Service Calls	35	Flood	2
Motor Vehicle Crashes	32	Smoke Investigations	2
Mutual Aid	25	Chimney Fires	1
Power Lines	12	HAZ MAT	1
Rescue	6	Other	5

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**TOTAL CALLS = 383**



Three of our members with the North Woods Law camera crew on a Mt. Whiteface carry out.



Fire equipment

## FOREST FIRE WARDEN REPORT

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The Fire Department forestry truck is now in service. We have responded to several downed tree and wire calls, and fire alarm activations. This year was a low fire danger year for the entire State of New Hampshire. There were no outside fires, mostly due to the late spring and wet fall. Thank you to the residents for following burn permit protocols.

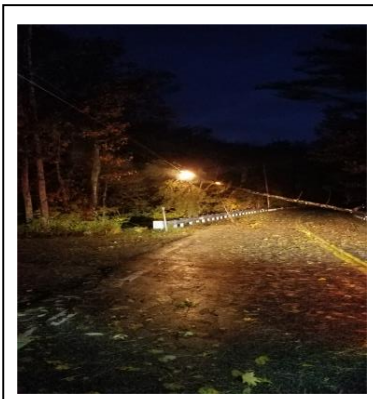
If you would like to get a burn permit, they are available at the Fire Station and the Town Hall. They are also available online for a \$3.00 fee. You are allowed to burn without a permit as long as the ground is snow covered.

Kevin Rogers spent the summer out west with the Lewis and Clark Hot Shot Crew as a wildland firefighter. He traveled to Alaska twice and several western states.

### ***REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES***

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Mardin  
Forest Fire Warden



Tree burning on the wires on  
Rt. 3 by the SLA.



House fire October 2018

## HOLDERNESS FREE LIBRARY – DIRECTOR’S REPORT

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2020 marks the completion of my second year at the Holderness Free Library. It's truly extraordinary to think that we've accomplished so much in only two years. All of this is made possible by the library staff, the Friends of the Library, the Trustees, and of course, our patrons and our community as a whole.

Over the last year we've added more programming, community support, and refined what is already working well. I've personally brought a "Dungeons and Dragons" group to the library to promote collective storytelling, less screen time, and more positive socialization. Our new Youth Services Librarian, Susan Seeley, has been working tirelessly to bring the library to the local schools and is heading the "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" program. Jeanne continues to be our go to for institutional knowledge and an advocate as a staff member and Friend of the Library. Steffi has greatly increased our small town's reach with her work on Inter-Library Loans (ILLs) and her innovative thinking for our programming. Amongst everything else we're working on.

The Friends of the Library continued their support: Our new shelving, purchased by a generous, private donor, has been installed. The new modern shelving units keep the historic aesthetic of the building while allowing for twice the shelf space. The Friends of the Library have been instrumental in helping us fill the new space with special collections that include the *Classics*, local authors, and more. The Friends also fully funded the library's new sign. They have more great ideas for 2020 as well.

## HOLDERNESS FREE LIBRARY – DIRECTOR’S REPORT (continued)

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### Our stats in 2019:

Items in our collection:	11,763
Registered borrowers:	1,391
Items added:	2,043
Items discarded:	1,825
Items borrowed:	15,298
Number of programs:	284
Attendance for programs:	2,291
Reference Questions answered:	2,998
Public computer uses:	812
Inter-Library Loans completed:	870

Not bad for a four-person staff, huh?

### **Library Hours:**

Monday	9:00 – 5:00 PM
Tuesday	9:00 – 4:00 PM
Wednesday	9:00 – 7:00 PM
Thursday	Closed
Friday	9:00 – 4:00 PM
Saturday	9:00 – 1:00 PM
Sunday	Closed

*\*Programming and events may take place outside of regular operating hours*

For more information, we may be called at 603-968-7066, via email at [holdernessfree@gmail.com](mailto:holdernessfree@gmail.com), through our contact sections online at [holdernessfreelibrary.org](http://holdernessfreelibrary.org), and of course, stopping in works too!

If there is some way we can help better, educate, or contribute to our community, please let us know; our doors are open to everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Di Filippe  
Library Director

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT

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The Holderness Free Library continues to serve the Town of Holderness as a welcoming space for learning, conversation, and community engagement.

Under the leadership of Library Director Adam Di Filippe, the Library has been able to expand the variety of programs and activities available to the Holderness community. Nearly every resident -- of every age and ability -- can participate in enriching and meaningful programming. To learn more about programs, please visit [www.holdernessfreelibrary.org](http://www.holdernessfreelibrary.org).

The Summer Reading Program, *A Universe of Stories*, was very popular -- some might say out of this world. NASA Ambassador Sally Jensen educated and entertained children *and* adults as they learned about the moon and the stars. Equally exciting, the 2020 Summer Reading Program, *Imagine Your Story*, will see patrons exploring mythology and fantasy.

The Library is happy to partner with the Holderness Central School HAWKS PTA and Walter's Basin to frequently offer movie nights, where children can watch a movie in the community room while parents enjoy themselves at Walter's Basin. Better yet, 10% of the proceeds benefit the Holderness HAWKS PTA. If your community organization would like to use the community room, please contact Adam Di Filippe at [holdernessfree@gmail.com](mailto:holdernessfree@gmail.com).

There have been some personnel transitions in the Library this year. We are sad to bid farewell to Megan Greenbaum, who has transitioned to the Moultonborough Library; however, we are thrilled to welcome Susan Seeley as the Youth Services Librarian, who has made an impact in just a few short months.

The Library has also seen several upgrades over the year, including new shelving and a new sign. These are made possible by the generosity of the Friends of the Library, a group of dedicated and caring volunteers committed to supporting the community. The Friends of the Library host the annual Santa Sale as well as sponsor wonderful programs and events. All are welcome to join the Friends, which meets on the last Saturday of each month at 12:30 P.M.

To learn more about all that the Holderness Free Library has to offer, please stop by or visit [www.holdernessfreelibrary.org](http://www.holdernessfreelibrary.org). And, for frequent updates, be sure to follow Holderness Free Library on Facebook and Instagram.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Vasant, Chair  
Carol Snelling, Secretary

Vic Currier, Treasurer  
Betsy Whitmore

Andrew Herring  
Bert Saul, Alternate

# ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES 2019

## March 12 & 13, 2019

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At the annual Town Meeting of the Town of Holderness held on March 12 and 13, 2019 the following business was transacted.

At 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at the Holderness Town Hall, Moderator Daniel Rossner declared the polls opened.

At 7:00 p.m., Moderator Rossner declared the polls closed and the ballots were counted.

At 7:11 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at Holderness Central School, the Meeting resumed following the Holderness Central School District Meeting. Moderator Rossner asked the veterans at the meeting to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence for those residents who passed away in 2018. Moderator Rossner announced the results of Article 1, the ballot votes for Town Officers. The Moderator declared Article 2 (the Zoning Ordinance Amendments) had all passed. Moderator asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the Warrant in its entirety. Moved by Malcolm “Tink” Taylor and seconded by Nancy Ruhm. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

**Article 1:** To choose all Town Officers by official ballot:

### **Selectman for 3 Years: (Vote for Two)**

Sam Brickley 166

Kelly Schwaner 163

#### Write in:

Sam Laverack 1

Earl Hansen 1

Barbara Currier

### **Moderator for 2 Years: (Vote for One)**

Daniel Rossner 174

### **Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 Years: (Vote for One)**

Brinton W. Woodward, Jr. 170

#### Write in:

Woody Laverack 1

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES 2019 (continued)

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### Library Trustee for 3 Years: (Vote for Two)

Andrew Herring	97
Alan Mather	81
Betsy Whitmore	138
<u>Write in:</u>	
Larry Spencer	1

### Fire Ward for 3 Years: (Vote for One)

Earl Hansen	173
<u>Write in:</u>	
Dick Currier	1

**Article 2:** 2019 Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes (Recommended by the Planning Board)

**Amendment 1:** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: **Delete Waukegan Watershed District from Section 300.1: District and from Appendix A?**”

Yes	148	No	16
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**Amendment 2:** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: **Add Section 900 to the wording found in the introductory paragraphs in Sections 300.4.1.2; 300.4.2.2; and 300.4.3.2 – Special Exceptions?**”

Yes	154	No	11
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**Amendment 3:** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: **Change the wording to explicitly list the waterbodies in Sections 300.4.1.5; 300.4.2.6; 300.4.3.5; and 300.4.4.2 - Shoreland Frontage to include the shore of Squam Lake, White Oak Pond and the Pemigewasset River?**”

Yes	157	No	13
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**Amendment 4:** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: **Change ‘the boundary’ to ‘a boundary’ in Sections 300.3.2; 300.4.4.1; and 525.4.1?**”

Yes	154	No	14
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## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES 2019 (continued)

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**Amendment 5:** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: **Add ‘Accessory Farming and Agriculture Activities’ to Sections 300.4.1.2; 300.4.2.2; and 300.4.5.5 (Special Exceptions)?”**

Yes     154                      No     11

**Amendment 6:** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: **Add a new general provision for General Farming and Agriculture as Section 300.4.X.X?”**

Yes     155                      No     10

**Amendment 7:** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: **Delete ‘Space’ in Section 300.4.2.3: Lot Coverage?”**

Yes     154                      No     12

**Amendment 8:** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: **Delete ‘open space’ in Section 300.4.5.3: Permitted Uses?”**

Yes     143                      No     23

**Amendment 9:** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: **Add wording to Section 400.4: Fire Damaged and Hazardous Building?”**

Yes     152                      No     12

**Amendment 10:** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: **Change and add wording to Street Frontage in Section 300.4.1.4: General Residential, Section 300.4.2.4: Rural Residential, and Section 300.4.3.4: Commercial District?”**

Yes     147                      No     1

**Amendment 11:** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 11 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: **Eliminate Zoning Ordinance 300.4.2.5: Frontage – Multiple Dwelling Units?”**

Yes     139                      No     22

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES 2019 (continued)**

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**Amendment 12:** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 12 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: **Add ordinances to reference Section 300.4.7: Lot Area to the General, Rural, Commercial and Flood Hazard Districts?**”

Yes      143                      No      21

**Amendment 13:** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 13 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: **Change ‘space’ to ‘areas’ and ‘playgrounds’ to ‘recreation’ in Section 1000.5: Subdivision Regulations?**”

Yes      151                      No      14

**Amendment 14:** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 14 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: **Change the wording of Easement, Right-of-Way, and Lot in the Definitions section?**”

Yes      140                      No      23

**Amendment 15:** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 15 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: **Add Accessory Farming and Agricultural Activities, Farm Roadside Stands, and General Farming and Agriculture as new Definitions?**”

Yes      153                      No      12

**Holderness Central School District  
Election Results**

School Board Member for 3 Years: (Vote for Two)

Kristina Casey      164  
Joanne Pearce      158

Write in:

Barbara Currier      1  
James Chapin      1  
Joanne Pearce      1

School District Moderator for 3 Years: (Vote for One)

Write in:

Martha Richards	5	Joe Casey	1
Morgan Stepp	1	Anne Hunnewell	1
Samuel Brickley	2	Dan Rossner	5
Kenneth Evans	1	Sam Laverack	1

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES 2019 (continued)

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Earl Hansen	1	Jon Stewart	1
Sarah Weinberg	1	B.W. Woodward	1
Bonnie Hunt	1	Bob Maloney	1
Tink Taylor	9	Dr Casey	1
Ken Evans	1	Ross Deachman	2
Betsy Whitmore	1	Kelly Schwaner	1
Laurie Lenentine	1		

School District Clerk for 3 Years: (Vote for One)

Sara Weinberg 164

Write-in:

Suzanne Peoples 1

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of all Town Officers and Committees.

Moved by Susan Francesco and seconded by Carl Lehner. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of Two Million Four Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty-Five Dollars (\$2,448,685) for general municipal operations. Said sum does not include special or individual articles elsewhere within this warrant.

Moved by Fran Taylor and seconded by Angie Francesco. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$403,500) to be placed into the following Capital Reserve Funds:

WHITE OAK POND DAM	\$2,500
FIRE/RESCUE VEHICLES	\$40,000
ROAD RECONSTRUCTION	\$150,000
LIBRARY BUILDING	\$5,000
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS	\$30,000
REVALUATION	\$35,000
FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$5,000
PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES	\$46,000
CONSERVATION	\$5,000
POLICE CRUISER	\$19,000
TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT	\$2,000

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES 2019 (continued)

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EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE	\$5,000
TOWN OFFICE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	\$17,000
LIBRARY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	\$10,000
MASTER PLAN	\$5,000
EMPLOYEE POST BENEFIT EXPENDABLE TRUST	\$15,000
NEW CABLE TV SERVICE EXPANSION	<u>\$12,000</u>
TOTAL	\$403,500

Moved by Sallie Fellows and seconded by Martha Richards. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars (\$483,729) for the following Capital projects and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Select Board to withdraw the sums indicated from Capital Reserve Funds and Revolving Funds as noted: No additional funds will be raised through taxation.

Road Reconstruction: \$235,344 (from the Road Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund)  
Recommission Well at Public Safety Building: \$10,000 (from Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund)

Revaluation (Cycle Inspections): \$25,000 (from Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund)

Two Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for the Fire Department: \$12,000 (from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund)

Loader Backhoe for the Highway Department: \$137,500 (\$64,545 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve and \$72,955 from Fund Balance.)

Cruiser (Dodge Charger) for Police Department: \$45,000 (\$26,000 from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund and \$19,000 from the Police Department Revolving Fund)

Town IT Equipment: \$18,885 Replacement of Town Office Server, Recreation Department Workstation, Land Use/Checklist Laptop, Police Department Workstation, Fire Department Laptop and Workstation and the installation of a secure router for the Fire Department (from the Town Information Technology Capital Reserve Fund).

Moved by Anne Hunnewell and seconded by Maurice Lafreniere. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty-Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$8,687.50) to fund a Natural Resources Inventory for the Howe Forest and to further authorize the withdrawal of the sum indicated from the Town Forest Fund. No additional funds will be raised by taxation.

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES 2019 (continued)

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Moved by Larry Spencer and seconded by Robert Tuveson. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to reaffirm its objection to the Northern Pass Project currently under appeal at the New Hampshire Supreme Court.

Moved by Martha Richards and seconded by Susan Francesco. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

**Article 9:** To transact any other business that can legally come before the meeting. Moderator Rossner recognized Select Board Member, John “Woodie” Laverack. Mr. Laverack recognized and thanked Sara Hixon, Deputy Town Clerk/ Deputy Tax Collector for her ten years of service. The voters recognized Sara Hixon with a round of applause.

Moderator Rossner recognized Select Board Member, Peter Francesco. Mr. Francesco recognized Barbara Currier, to whom the 2018 Town Report is dedicated, and thanked her for her many years of service to the community. Mr. Francesco noted both her contributions as a community business owner and a public servant during her more than fifty years as a resident. Mr. Francesco presented Ms. Currier with a photograph of her receiving a plaque in 2015 in recognition as Realtor of the Year. Barbara Currier received a standing ovation from those in attendance.

Ms. Currier expressed her thanks and appreciation to the community. Ms. Currier stated the importance of being involved in the community noting that you will receive more back from the community than you could ever give.

Moderator Rossner then recognized Select Board Member, Sam Brickley.

Mr. Brickley recognized and thanked Select Board Member Shelagh Connelly for her dedication and service to the community. Ms. Connelly was stepping down from the Select Board having served three terms. She will continue to serve as a member of the Conservation Commission, a position she has held since 1997. She will also continue to serve as a member of the New Hampshire Municipal Association Board, a position she has held since 2010. Mr. Brickley presented Shelagh with a gavel/plaque in recognition of her service to the community. The voters recognized Shelagh with a round of applause.

## **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES 2019 (continued)**

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Ms. Connelly expressed her appreciation and thanks to the community. She stated it was a privilege to have served the community the past nine years as a member of the Select Board and emphasized the importance of “being involved” in the community.

Moderator Rossner recognized Conservation Commission member, Larry Spencer. Mr. Spencer invited the community to an Open House on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> between 10:00-12:00 to enjoy the new trail systems located at both the Howe Town Forest and the Pilote Conservation Areas.

With no further business to come before the meeting, Peter Francesco made a motion to adjourn. There was a second from Larry Spencer. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed. Moderator Rossner declared the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen King  
Holderness Town Clerk

## PLANNING BOARD REPORT

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Planning Board duties are specified by New Hampshire state statutes and include review and approval of subdivision and site plan applications, review and update of the Master Plan, and review of the Zoning Ordinance for amendments as needed.

The Board continues to work on procedures to insure consistent, objective review of applications; balancing assistance to applicants while insuring conformity with the Town's Zoning Ordinance requirements.

In 2019 the Planning Board issued 21 Notice of Decisions for the following applications: 5 Boundary Line Adjustments, 3 Lot Mergers, 10 Site Plans, and 3 Subdivisions. The Board also participated in 3 Conceptual Consultations and 1 Informal Consultation.

A Sub-Committee of the Board continued working on an update to the Natural Resources Chapter of the Master Plan. A Public Hearing will be scheduled in 2020 to review the proposed update. A review and update of the entire Master Plan will continue on a chapter by chapter basis.

The Board conducted a comprehensive review of the Town Zoning Ordinance with input from the Town Attorney. The purpose was to clarify language and definitions, ensure consistency, and to ensure compliance with current Federal and State Law. The Board conducted 3 public hearings on these proposed zoning amendments (with a 4<sup>th</sup> in January 2020). These amendments are proposed as warrant articles on the March ballot.

Application forms, the Holderness Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations, Site Plan Regulations as well as minutes, agendas and meeting dates for the Planning Board can be found on the town website; [www.holderness-nh.gov](http://www.holderness-nh.gov)

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Snelling, Chair  
Carl Lehner, Vice Chair  
Donna Bunnell, Secretary  
Angi Francesco  
Ron Huntoon

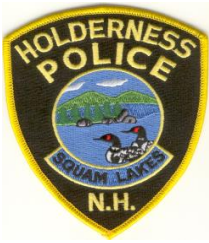
Louis E. Pare  
Peter Francesco, Ex-Officio  
Samuel Brickley, Alternate Ex-officio  
Janet Cocchiario, Alternate



L to R: Seated: Carl Lehner, Bob Snelling, Peter Francesco, Standing: Louis Pare, Donna Bunnell, Angi Francesco. Missing: Ron Huntoon, Janet Cocchiario

## POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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The Holderness Police Department had a busy 2019, responding to 7,448 calls for service or assistance. This number does not include calls made directly to the station. The Police Department handled a variety of calls including untimely deaths, thefts, theft from motor vehicles, drug overdoses, drug investigations, burglary, identity theft, scams, motor vehicle crashes, fraudulent use of credit cards, passing counterfeit money, domestic disturbances, and animal complaints.

### Staff

We are fortunate to have a dedicated and skilled staff. In January, we hired David Waterbury. When hired, David was already a certified, full-time police officer in Ashland, NH. He started his law enforcement career in 2016. In July, Sergeant Erik DiFilippe was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Other members of the Holderness Police Department include Sergeant Michael Grier, School Resource Officer Michael Barney and Officer Andrew Strickland, who are all full-time officers. We also have two part-time police officers, Mark Nash and Amanda Hutchins, and an Administrative Assistant Alice O'Connor. Each of us strives to provide the citizens of the Town of Holderness, as well as its visitors, with the highest quality of service. We constantly explore new and innovative ways to keep our community a safe place in which to live and recreate.

### Scams

At some point, most of us have experienced a call from a person pretending to be the IRS, or someone who tells you that you have won the lottery, that a family member needs your help, or that you will be arrested if you don't comply with their demands. Yes, they can be very convincing. Another way for the scammer to extort money and/or your personal information from you is a virus that appears on your computer. This is called Ransomware. They hold your computer hostage until they get what they want. When you contact the scammer, they ask you to allow them to remotely gain access to your computer and demand a payment to clear the virus. If this happens to you **STOP**. Turn off your computer and bring it to a computer professional. Below are a few tips which may also prevent you from becoming a victim.

### Tips:

1. **Spot/Identify Imposters.** Scammers often pretend to be someone you trust and can be very convincing.



## POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT (continued)

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2. **Do Online Research.** Conduct a search on a search engine, e.g. Google, of the company name with the word “complaint” or “scam” to see if there have been reports of illegal activity associated with this company.
3. **Don’t Believe Your Caller ID.** Technology makes it easy for scammers to fake caller ID information.
4. **Don’t Pay Upfront for a Promised Prize or Benefit.** Someone may ask you to pay in advance, or claim that you won a prize but first need to pay the taxes or fees.
5. **Consider How You Pay for Things Online or by Phone.** Credit cards have fraud protection built in. Some payment methods do not. Services like Western Union or MoneyGram are **risky** because it is nearly impossible to get your money back. It is not common practice for a legitimate vendor to take payment through Western Union or gift cards.
6. **Talk to Someone You Trust Before Making a Decision or Commitment.** Con artists want you to make decisions in a hurry before getting any advice from the Police or family and friends. **Slow Down!**
7. **Don’t Deposit a Check or Wire Money Back.** If a check you deposited turns out to be fake, you are responsible for repaying the bank.
8. If you are the victim of a scam, **report it to the Police Department immediately.** Never give anyone any of your personal information by phone or over the internet.

I would like to thank the residents and current/past Select Board members for their support. I would also like to thank the many Town employees that I have had the privilege to work with throughout the years. It has been beneficial to work in an environment where all departments get along with one another. I will be ending my career with the Holderness Police Department in September after 25 years. It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve you and help make Holderness a safe place to live, visit and recreate. My final request is that everyone be kind to one another. The simplest of things can make the most significant impact on someone else.

If you ever have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremiah Patridge, Chief of Police  
[hpdchief@holderness-nh.gov](mailto:hpdchief@holderness-nh.gov)

## POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS 2019

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911 HANG-UP	12	MOTOR VEHICLE CITATIONS	56
ALARM (Business & Residential & Fire)	151	MOTOR VEHICLE COMPLAINT	63
ALCOHOL OFFENSES	25	MOTOR VEHICLE WARNINGS	1199
ANIMAL INVOLVED INCIDENTS	87	MOTOR VEHICLE / DUI	13
ARRESTS (Total)	102	NOISE COMPLAINT	21
ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENTS	386	OFFICER FOLLOW-UP	181
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	4	OPEN/UNSECURE DOOR	5
BURGLARY	1	PAPER SERVICE / RELAY	31
CITIZEN REQUEST ASSIST. / MVLO	125	PARKING COMPLAINT / INFO	61
CIVIL MATTER	41	PARKING TICKETS	98
CIVIL STANDBY	22	PISTOL PERMITS	18
CONDUCT AFTER AN ACCIDENT	2	POLICE INFORMATION	76
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	29	PROACTIVE NOISE WARNING	19
CRIMINAL RECORDS	98	RECKLESS/NEGLIGENT OPERATION	6
CRIMINAL THREATENING	10	REGISTRATION OF SEX OFFENDER	5
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	15	RESISTING ARREST OR DETENTION	8
DIRECTED PATROL (Including Radar)	622	RUNAWAY JUVENILE	6
DISORDERLY ACTIONS / CONDUCT	40	SEXUAL ASSAULT	2
DISTURBANCE (Including Domestic)	53	SIMPLE ASSAULT	14
DRUG RELATED INCIDENT	9	SITE CHECKS	2401
FINGERPRINTS - JOB APPLICATIONS	42	SUBPOENA SERVICE	10
FOOT PATROL	24	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	95
FRAUD / SCAMS	51	THEFT (All Thefts)	22
HARASSMENT	6	UNRULY JUVENILE	6
LITTERING	1	UNTIMELY/ UNATTENDED DEATH	2
LOST / FOUND PROPERTY	52	VACANT HOUSE CHEC	1075
MISSING / WANTED PERSONS	11	WARRANT SERVICE	15
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	123		

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT**

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This has been a very good year for us as a Public Works Department. We were able to pave and reconstruct four roads, replaced equipment and hired a new employee.

Two road reconstructions were completed during this past year. With the help of GMI Paving, we paved the last remaining gravel section of road on East Holderness Road and also paved McCrillis Road. Both paving projects were on the east side of town which means that all the roads on the east side of town are paved!! We also reconstructed a long section of Beede and Perch Pond roads with fabric, gravel and crushed gravel. In addition, many of the culverts were changed before the graveling started.

One major piece of equipment was purchased. We replaced a 2009 backhoe with a new 2019 Caterpillar backhoe. The 2009 Caterpillar was passed on to the Transfer Station where it will continue to be put to work, with just a bit less daily stress.

One of our crew, Justin Bernier, has left our department. Our new employee is Cody Maynard, who is doing an awesome job! Cody, we're glad you joined our team.

I am lucky to have an excellent group of men. We continually get strong positive feedback from our Town's residents. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to your job!

Appreciation also is due our other Town employees! We are truly a team whose focus is on keeping Holderness a great place to live and work.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin M. Coburn  
Holderness Road Agent



## **RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

### **Programming and Beach Report**

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Holderness Recreation Department is comprised of one part-time director, seasonal staff and independent contractors, all of whom help to bring you a variety of recreational opportunities. The Department has a volunteer Board that meets monthly providing budget oversight and program review. The Department is service oriented and strives to provide a wide range of programming for year-round and seasonal residents of the Town. The Department also manages the Livermore Beach property.

This September we welcomed Adar Fejes as our newest Board member. If you are interested in being a member or being more involved in community recreation, feel free to reach out to any of the board members or the recreation office.

#### **ONLINE REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE**

You may now register online for most of our classes and programs. Simply visit [www.holderness-nh.gov](http://www.holderness-nh.gov) and then go to the recreation page. Here you will find the link to the online system, where you can create an account, register and either pay online or reserve your spot and pay later.

#### **PROGRAMMING REPORT**

Holderness Recreation offers approximately 20 programs each season. The past year our programs included Yoga, Swimming and Tennis Lessons, Adult Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton and Pickleball, Discount Ski Tickets, Breathe NH Fun Passes, Early Bird Exercise, Safe at Home Training, Abstract Animal Paint Class, Archery, Basket Making, Guided Meditation, Ballroom Dance, Tai Chi and so much more.

The most involved and longest running program that the department offers is our SummerEscape program. This past summer the program ran from June 26<sup>th</sup> to August 9<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 8:00 & 4:30. Our staff provided programming daily for 35-50 participants ranging in age from 5 – 12 years old.

The program is based out of the Holderness Central School and consists of beach days, field trips to local attractions and natural areas and onsite activities including arts and crafts, sports and special events. Amanda Bussolari and Catherine Ray co-directed the program again this summer. They, and our amazing staff, continued to offer our program with a high level of creativity, energy and fun for the participants. Among the many highlights this year included a record turnout of parents for the talent show and our carnival day. For the third summer we have offered a Counselor in Training program that allows 13 – 15yr old's an opportunity to explore and develop good counselor skills.

The department hosted two OHRV safety courses with the NH Fish and Game

## **RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

### **Programming and Beach Report (continued)**

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Department. This continues to be a very popular class with 15 participants in the spring and 22 participants in the fall.

One of our other most popular classes is our Basket Making with Ray Legasse. We have been offering this class since 2016 and in 2019 we had 34 participants successfully make a variety of personalized baskets.



### **BEACH REPORT**

Livermore Beach, otherwise known as the Holderness Town Beach, is located at 36 Dirt Road. The Holderness Town Beach property was donated by Mr. Frank G. Webster to the Squam Lake Conservation Society in 1963. While SLCS is the owner, the Holderness Select and Recreation Boards oversee the utilization and maintenance of the property, for the purpose of maintaining the beach area.

The beach is staffed with a Beach Attendant from the middle of June through Labor Day. Weather permitting, the attendants are on site from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M., 7 days a week. The role of the Beach Attendant is to check beach passes, reinforce rules and regulations, monitor the use of the facility and to interact with the beach patrons. Our beach attendants are not lifeguards and because of this we do ask that you keep a close eye on your guests while you are at the beach.

**Beach Ordinance:** The Holderness Beach Use Ordinance was originally enacted on June 19, 1989. This past year the ordinance was reviewed, revised and updated with the assistance of the Holderness Recreation Board, Squam Lake Conservation Society, Police Department, Town Administrator and Select Board. The ordinance was accepted and adopted on April 1, 2019 and can be viewed on the Town website.

**Use of the beach:** The Beach is for residents and taxpayers use. All users of the beach are subject to the Town Beach Rules which are provided when Beach Passes are purchased at the Town Hall. Passes are \$15 and may be purchased at the Town Clerk's office Monday – Friday between 8:30 and 4:00 P.M. Upon purchase of your seasonal beach pass, you will receive a copy of the rules and regulations for the beach. The rules apply and are enforced year-round and not just when attendants are present. We are very fortunate to have this resource available for the Town's residents to use. There were

## **RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

### **Programming and Beach Report (continued)**

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260 beach passes sold in 2019 and 247 beach passes sold in 2018.

**Opening, in-season and closing tasks:** Spring is the time when we are tasked to clean up all of the winter debris including leaves and branches that washed up on the beach. Additional opening tasks include putting in the swim area lines, cleaning out the shed and changing room, and painting picnic tables. For the most part these tasks are handled by volunteer efforts from the Recreation Board and summer staff. In the past the condition of the water was monitored by water samples collected by NHDES through the Beach Inspection Program. This program was discontinued in 2019. While we have thankfully never had to close the Beach due to bacterial contamination, we have elected to continue to test the water during the swimming season. We thank Board member, Jenny Evans for stepping in to continue the water quality testing.

In the recent years we have been very fortunate to have the assistance of Board member Biff Sutcliffe, and a boat and volunteers from Camp Deerwood to help put in the swim lines. Seasonal maintenance is performed by the Beach Attendants, Recreation Director, a local mowing company and the Holderness DPW. In the fall we focus on taking in the swim lines, organizing the shed and leaf blowing. This past fall, Board members Biff Sutcliffe and Tom Stepp worked with Nate Fuller who provided a boat for assistance in taking out the swim line. The removal and storage of the swim raft is the final task in closing the Beach and this is done under contract with Squam Docks.

**Amenities at the beach:** A fine-sand sandy beach, storage and changing shed, portable toilets, swim raft, picnic tables, protected swimming area, land line phone for emergencies, 2 parking areas, a Little Free Library and the serenity of the beach make up this oasis for hot summer days.

**Safety:** Although we have a beach attendant on the property for most of the season, we ask that you please report any activity that you think is inappropriate at this facility. The Holderness Police Department frequently patrols the area throughout the year. If you have a concern about activity or behavior at the beach, please speak with the attendant on duty, the Recreation Office or the Holderness Police.

#### **SPECIAL THANKS:**

Much of our success is due to the work and support we have received from many volunteers and Town employees. Thank you to the Select Board, Town Administrator, Town Hall Staff, Police, Fire and Public Works Departments and the Holderness Central School for all of their continued support furthering recreation in Holderness.

Thank you to the Pemigewasset Fish and Game Club for their continued support of our Archery program. Since 2001 they have allowed us to use their indoor and

## **RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

### **Programming and Beach Report (continued)**

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outdoor facilities. During this time, we have had over 260 participants come through the program. Thank you to the Squam Lakes Association for offering 2 free camping weekends on their islands for the ninth year. We would like to thank Camp Deerwood for its continued support of training and certifying our summer staff in CPR and First Aid. Lastly, thank you again to Robert Haskell for letting us use Curry Place for StoryWalk™ and to the Squam Lake Natural Science Center and Holderness Free Library for co-sponsoring this event.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:**

The Recreation Department has a scholarship fund to help families and participants, who are experiencing financial hardship, to participate in our programs. We would like to thank the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction for granting us \$1,000 in scholarship money this year. This year we were able to help nine families with ten children.

We would also like to thank the Captain Douglas DiCenzo Summer Camp Fund and the Support Staff at the Holderness Central School for providing assistance to eight children.

We are fortunate to have many Town individuals and businesses that support our scholarship fund. You can donate online, in person or through the mail. You can also choose to specifically sponsor someone for a specific program, if you like. Donations come in many shapes and sizes and we are thankful for all of them. Thanks to everyone who made contributions this year.

#### **YOUR INPUT AND PARTICIPATION:**

We are always interested to hear from you about the type of activities and programs that you would like to have available in Holderness and at the Town Beach. As always, please feel free to contact Wendy in the office or any of the Recreation Board members to share your thoughts. You are also always welcome to come to one of our Board meetings, which are held once a month on Monday's at 5:30pm, downstairs at Town Hall. The Recreation office can be reached at 603-968-3700 or [recreation@holderness-nh.gov](mailto:recreation@holderness-nh.gov).

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Werner, Recreation Director  
Tom Stepp, Chair  
George 'Biff' Sutcliffe, Secretary  
Amanda Bussolari  
Jenny Evans

Adar Fejes  
Nate Fuller  
Janis Messier  
Peter Francesco (Select Board Liaison)

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Year Ending June 30, 2019



*New Hampshire*  
Department of  
Revenue Administration

**MS-61**

Debits						
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)			
			Year: 2018	Year: 2017	Year: 2016	
Property Taxes	3110		\$1,185,645.51			
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120		\$2,400.00			
Yield Taxes	3185		\$1,816.44			
Excavation Tax	3187					
Other Taxes	3189					
Property Tax Credit Balance ?		(\$325,589.92)				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ?						

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2018	Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	3110	\$4,830,926.00	\$4,734,675.63		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120		\$2,866.00		
Yield Taxes	3185	\$1,611.66	\$10,709.51		
Excavation Tax	3187	\$214.36			
Other Taxes	3189		\$184.25		
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Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2018	2017	2016
Property Taxes	3110	\$20,626.11			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
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Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190		\$18,391.14		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				
<b>Total Debits</b>		<b>\$4,527,788.21</b>	<b>\$5,956,688.48</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>



# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT (continued)



*New Hampshire*  
Department of  
Revenue Administration

**MS-61**

Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	2018	Prior Levies	
			2017	2016
Property Taxes	\$3,253,530.91	\$5,843,652.76		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes		\$3,867.69		
Yield Taxes	\$1,611.66	\$12,525.95		
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)		\$16,636.14		
Penalties		\$1,755.00		
Excavation Tax	\$214.36			
Other Taxes		\$184.25		
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$74,579.09		
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Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	2018	Prior Levies	
			2017	2016
Property Taxes		\$3,487.60		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
-				
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Current Levy Deeded				

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT (continued)



*New Hampshire*  
Department of  
Revenue Administration

**MS-61**

Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2018	2017	2016
Property Taxes	\$1,330,815.28			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance ?	(\$58,384.00)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ?				
Total Credits		\$4,527,788.21	\$5,956,688.48	\$0.00
				\$0.00

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$1,272,431.28
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$113,884.43

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT (continued)



New Hampshire  
Department of  
Revenue Administration

MS-61

## Lien Summary

### Summary of Debits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2018	Year: 2017	Year: 2016
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year			\$53,189.12	\$36,657.33
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		\$80,818.30		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)		\$9.08	\$1,612.66	\$11,400.96
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Add Line				
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$80,827.38</b>	<b>\$54,801.78</b>	<b>\$48,058.29</b>

### Summary of Credits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2018	2017	2016
Redemptions		\$11,619.84	\$8,503.15	\$36,657.33
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Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190		\$9.08	\$1,612.66	\$11,400.96
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Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110		\$69,198.46	\$44,685.97	
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$80,827.38</b>	<b>\$54,801.78</b>	<b>\$48,058.29</b>

#### For DRA Use Only

Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	<b>\$1,272,431.28</b>
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	<b>\$113,884.43</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen King  
Tax Collector

## 2019 TAX RATE CALCULATION

### Municipal Accounting Overview

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	\$3,344,602	
Net Revenue (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$1,492,670)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		(\$84,955)
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		(\$225,000)
War Service Credits	\$48,500	
Special Adjustment	\$0	
Actual Overlay Used	\$33,306	
<b>Net Required Local Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$1,623,783</b>	
<b>Town Portion of Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$2.15</b>	

### County Apportionment

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	\$1,394,749	
<b>Net Required County Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$1,394,749</b>	
<b>County Portion of Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$1.84</b>	

### Education

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	\$3,930,471	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$2,981,793	
Net Education Grant		
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$1,525,275)
<b>Net Required Local Education Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$5,386,989</b>	
<b>Local Education Portion of Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$7.12</b>	
State Education Tax	\$1,525,275	
State Education Tax Not Retained		
<b>Net Required State Education Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$1,525,275</b>	
<b>State Education Portion of Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$2.06</b>	

### Valuation: Municipal (MS-1)

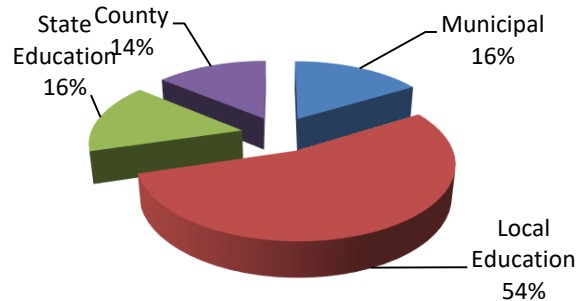
Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$756,372,498	\$752,523,603
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$741,503,698	\$738,146,303

### 2019 Tax Commitment Verification - RSA 76:10 II

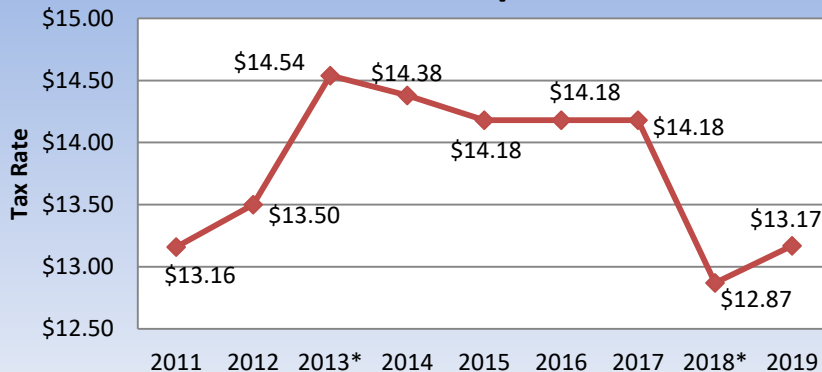
Description	Amount
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$9,882,296
1/2% Amount	\$49,411
Acceptable High	\$9,931,707
Acceptable Low	\$9,832,885
<b>Total Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$13.17</b>

TAX RATE INFORMATION - 2019

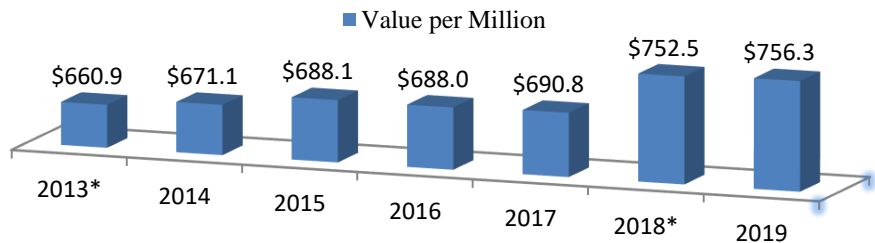
2019 Tax Rate Breakdown



Tax Rate Comparison



Town Valuation Comparison



## **TOWN CLERK REPORT**

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### **REMITTED TO THE TREASURER**

July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019

Motor Vehicle Registration/Title Fee:	\$ 507,056.95
Municipal Agent Fee:	9,885.00
Dog Licenses:	2,960.50
Vital Records Fee:	2,200.00
Transfer Station Receipts:	46,409.00
Transfer Station Stickers:	1,941.00
Beach Permits:	3,450.00
Miscellaneous:	101.85
Total Town Deposit:	\$ 574,004.30

State of NH-MV Fee: (Transferred to State)	167,211.97
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Respectfully submitted,

Ellen King  
Holderness Town Clerk

## SCHEDULE of ESTIMATED DEBT PAYMENT

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Original Amount</b>	<b>FY 17/18</b>	<b>FY 18/19</b>	<b>FY 19/20</b>	<b>FY 20/21</b>
Transfer Station	\$350,000	\$61,099	\$0	\$0	\$0
2013 Fire Pumper Truck	\$88,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Town</b>	\$438,000	\$61,099	\$0	\$0	\$0*
Holderness Central School	\$2,371,079	\$241,732	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total School</b>	\$2,371,079	\$241,732	\$0	\$0	\$0*

**\*Presently, neither the Town nor the Holderness Central  
School has any debt service.**

## **SCHEDULE of EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT**

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### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

1931	Ford Fire Truck	
1954	Willys Jeep	
2009	Ford Rescue	12R1
2014	Pierce Fire Truck	12E3
2012	Ford Forest Fire Truck	12F3
1997	Mack Fire Truck	12E4
2006	Kenworth Fire Truck	12E5
2006	Premier Pontoon Boat	12B1
2012	F350 Utility Pickup	12U1
2017	Ford Interceptor	12Car1
13'	Boston Whaler Boat	12B2

#### **Mobile Equipment**

2011	Royal Swiftwater Rescue Trailer
2017	Can-Am ATV
2017	Utility ATV Trailer

### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

2018	Kenworth – 6 Wheel Dump Truck (sander in body & plow)
2014	International – 6 Wheel Dump Truck (sander in body & plow)
2011	Ford F350 – 1 Ton Pickup Truck (slide in sander & plow)
2019	Ford F550 - 1 Ton Dump Truck (slide in sander & plow)
2017	Ford F350 – 1 Ton Pickup Truck (slide in sander & plow)
2019	Caterpillar Backhoe
1994	Galion Grader

#### **Equipment**

1990	Bandit 200 XP Brush Chipper
1988	York Rake
1988	Road Broom

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

2019	Dodge Charger – Unit #3
2014	Ford Taurus – Unit #5
2013	Ford Taurus – Unit #4
2013	Ford F150 – Unit #2
2011	Message Board/Radar Trailer
2017	Ford Interceptor Utility – Unit #1

### **TRANSFER STATION**

2009	Caterpillar Backhoe
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## SCHEDULE of TOWN EQUIPMENT

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION-CURRENT INVENTORY	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>										
1994 Gallion Grader										
2009 Cat Backhoe										
2018 Kenworth Dump Truck								\$190,000		
2014 International Dump Truck				\$190,000						
2017 F350 Ford Pickup			\$60,000							
2012 Ford F-550 1 Ton Truck					\$75,000					
Chipper										
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>										
Unit #3 2014 Taurus						\$45,000				
Unit #1 2017 SUV/ Utility-Explorer								\$ 45,000		
Unit #2 2013 F150		\$45,000								\$45,000
Unit #4 2018 Taurus				\$ 45,000						
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>										
2009 Ford F-350 Rescue							\$85,000			
2013 Saber Pumper										
1997 Mack Pumper 12E4										
2006 Kenworth Tanker 12E5				\$500,000						
2012 Ford F-550 Multi-Purpose										
2012 Ford F-350								\$ 40,000		
2017 Ford SUV/ Command Vehicle										
<b>MUNICIPAL PROPERTY/BLDGS.</b>										
PSB Well										
Computer Hardware-All Depts.	\$ 1,900	\$ 3,800	\$ 5,700	\$ 14,700	\$18,885	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 6,000	\$16,000	\$19,500
Town Hall Generator										
Truck Exhaust Vent System										
HVAC Improvements										

## SCHEDULE of TOWN and SCHOOL PROPERTY

<b>TAX MAP/ LOT #</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION LOCATION</b>	<b>LAND VALUE</b>	<b>BUILDING VALUE</b>	<b>TOTAL VALUE</b>
No Map #	White Oak Pond Dam		32,100	32,100
101-008	Fire/Police Station	86,200	814,400	900,600
101-012-1	Route 113	55,400	7,000	62,400
101-019	Library	367,100	409,200	776,300
102-006	Village Common & Gazebo	673,100	5,700	678,800
222-015	Public Works Garage	296,100	222,700	518,800
223-011	Pilote Conservation Lot	234,200		234,200
224-001	Smith Road Lot	87,700		87,700
225-016	Pemi River Park Lot	37,800		37,800
228-079	HCS* Vacant Lot	125,400		125,400
229-025	Holderness Central School	124,500	4,775,900	4,900,400
231-003	Route 113	42,200		42,200
239-001	Town Hall	34,500	338,000	372,500
239-042	Corner Lot-Routes 3 & 175	60,800		60,800
245-065	Transfer Station/Pease	119,300	137,000	256,300
245-067	White Oak Pond	253,200		253,200
252-016-1	East Holderness Road	86,900		86,900

## TOWN MAINTAINED CEMETERIES

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Map/Lot</u></b>	<b><u>Description/Location</u></b>
East Holderness	252-009	Corner Rt. 3 & E. Holderness Rd
Eastman	251	E. Holderness Rd, West of Vontel
Cox	255-003	East Holderness Road
Merrill	255-011	Hawkins Pond Road
Piper	246-021	Coxboro Road
Squam Bridge	101-010	Corner Rt. 3 & Rt. 113
True	206	Rt. 113 and Pinehurst Rd
Shaw	228	Hardhack Road
Ladd	205	Rt. 113
Sanborn	222-022	Old Highway South
Prescott	231	Old Highway South
Carr	220-007	Old Highway South

## TRANSFER STATION REPORT

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Has it been another year already? As I look at the numbers for the amount of material that we saw go through our facility this year, we had an incredible increase in trash. We took in 34 more tons for a total of 763 tons. We had a drop in recycling; taking in 8 tons less for a total of 304 tons. I would like your help to reverse this trend. If you have been watching the news lately you know the recycling industry is having a difficult time. Value for the material has dropped worldwide. Remember, we are the most important part of the recycling system. Recyclable material thrown in the trash takes up space in the landfill. Recycled material may not have much monetary value, but we can do our part to help save our planet. Someone will find a way to make money on recycling, and when they do, we will be proud to be part of it.

Lots of you have also asked about scrap metal this year; a pile that is very large and growing. The value of scrap metal is very low. The company that we use out of Concord wants more money to haul the metal then the amount we would get in return. We have changed to a local company to save us money. The process is slow, but we're moving in the right direction.

Once again, the clothing bin outside the gate has supported our neighbors while making a little revenue at the same time. The shirt, pants and sneakers that you no longer needed are being worn proudly by a thankful person.

Mark Saturday, July 25th on your calendar. This is the date for the FREE household hazardous waste day. The Meredith transfer station will be open from 8am till 12 noon. Get rid of that mystery can or box in the basement!

Carrie Furmanick has left us for employment that can give her more hours. Hanz and I wish her well. We also want to thank you for another great year. Always feel free to ask us where non trash or recycle material should be placed. We would much rather answer your question than to have something put in the wrong place.

We have a great little town. Let's keep it clean!

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Davis  
Manager



L to R: Hanz Currier, Scott Davis

## NOTES

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**TOWN OF HOLDERNESS  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 10 AND MARCH 11, 2020**

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To the inhabitants of the Town of Holderness, in the County of Grafton and the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday, the tenth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the polls shall be opened and the polls shall not close earlier than seven o'clock in the evening to act upon Articles 1, 2 and 3; the fourth and subsequent Articles to be acted upon commencing at seven o'clock in the evening (or immediately following the annual school district meeting whichever comes later) of the following day, Wednesday, the eleventh day of March, 2020 in the auditorium of the Holderness Central School.

**Article 1:** To choose all Town Officers by official ballot:

**Article 2: By Petition:** To see if the Town will vote to allow the operation of Keno games within the Town.

**Article 3: 2020 Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes:** To see if the Town will vote by official ballot on the proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness as follows:

**Amendment No. 1:** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness as follows: **Technical, clarifying, and other non-substantive changes throughout the Zoning Ordinance, including changes in terminology and corresponding definitions for internal consistency (roads, Select Board, etc.), correction of typographical and similar errors, slight adjustment in language to clarify but not alter the meaning of a provision, and deleting obsolete references, definitions and language?**”

**Amendment No. 2:** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness as follows: **Amend Section 300.4.6 (Floodplain Development) to update and comply with current requirements for FEMA special flood hazard areas and Flood Insurance Rate Map for Holderness, amend requirements for building permits, water supply, sanitary sewage and on-site waste disposal systems, and structural requirements within such areas, and also to clarify and reorganize existing provisions?**”

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2020 (continued)

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**Amendment No. 3:** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness as follows: **Amend Section 300.4.4 to rename the Pemigewasset River Corridor Overlay District, clarify and reorganize provisions and amend frontage requirements?**”

**Amendment No. 4:** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness as follows: **Amend Section 300.4.5 to rename the Holderness Flood Hazard District, clarify and reorganize provisions, and amend uses permitted by special exception within said district?**”

**Amendment No. 5:** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness as follows: **Amend Section 400.3 to prohibit certain accumulations of material within the General Residential, Rural Residential and Commercial Village Districts and to clarify when junkyard permits are required?**”

**Amendment No. 6:** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness as follows: **Amend Section 400.6 (signs) to clarify and reorganize sign regulations, change the time during which illuminated signs may be lit, revise sign regulation to remove references to sign content, and add a provision permitting substitution of any non-commercial copy in lieu of other commercial or non-commercial copy on an approved sign?**”

**Amendment No. 7:** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness as follows: **Amend Section 400.13 (condominium conversions) to clarify various provisions and add a variance requirement for certain condominium conversions?**”

**Amendment No. 8:** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness as follows: **Amend Section 400.23 (small wind energy systems) to clarify existing provisions and increase permitted rated capacity for systems in the Rural Residential District to 100kW?**”

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2020 (continued)

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**Amendment No. 9:** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness as follows: **Amend Section 400.24.6 to include shared hallway in maximum ADU square footage?**”

**Amendment No. 10:** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness as follows: **Amend Section 550 (lighting) to clarify and to remove restrictions on type of lighting allowed?**”

**Amendment No. 11:** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 11 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness as follows: **Amend Section 700 (nonconforming lots, uses and structures) for clarification and to provide that a change from seasonal to year-round use constitutes a substantial expansion or change of use of a nonconforming use or structure?**”

**Amendment No. 12:** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 12 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness as follows: **Amend Section 900 (special exceptions) for clarity and to provide that special exceptions are valid for 2 years from the date of final approval except as extended by the ZBA for good cause?**”

**Amendment No. 13:** “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 13 as proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town of Holderness as follows: **Amend Section 1300 (Multi Use Facilities/Property) to clarify the types of uses permitted on this property?**”

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of all Town Officers and Committees.

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee’s recommended sum of Two Million Five Hundred Seventy-two Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy-four Dollars (\$2,572,674) for general municipal operations. Said sum does not include special or individual articles elsewhere within this warrant.

**Recommended by the Select Board (5 years, 0 nays); and Budget Committee (6 years, 0 nays)**

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2020 (continued)

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**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$403,500) to be placed into the following previously established Capital Reserve Funds.

WHITE OAK POND DAM	\$2,500
FIRE/RESCUE VEHICLES	\$60,000
ROAD RECONSTRUCTION	\$150,000
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS	\$30,000
REVALUATION	\$35,000
FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$5,000
PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES	\$51,000
CONSERVATION	\$5,000
POLICE CRUISER	\$26,000
TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT	\$2,000
TOWN OFFICE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	\$10,000
EMPLOYEE POST BENEFIT EXPENDABLE TRUST	\$15,000
NEW CABLE TV SERVICE EXPANSION	\$12,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$403,500</b>

**Recommended by the Select Board (5 years, 0 nays); and Budget Committee (6 years, 0 nays)**

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Ninety Two Thousand One Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$392,160) for the following Capital projects and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Select Board to withdraw the sums indicated from Capital Reserve Funds as noted: No additional funds will be raised through taxation.

Road Reconstruction: \$225,660  
(from the Road Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund)

Repair and Repave the Parking area at the Public Safety Building: \$60,000  
(from Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund)

Install Storm Windows in the Original section of the Library: \$5,000  
(from the Library building Capital Reserve Fund)

Revaluation (Cycle Inspections): \$25,000  
(from Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund)



## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2020 (continued)

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Town IT Equipment: \$1,500 Add Fire Department Computer to the Public Safety Computer Network  
(from the Town Information Technology Capital Reserve Fund)

Abatement Defense: \$20,000 for legal defense of Abatements in Superior Court  
(from Abatement Defense Fund Capital Reserve)

Employee Post Employment Benefit Trust: \$55,000 payout of Benefit to Retiring Employees  
(from the Post Employment Benefit Capital Reserve)

**Recommended by the Select Board (5 years, 0 nays); and Budget Committee (6 years, 0 nays)**

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$116,000) for the purpose of purchasing a compressor and ten self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA's). One Hundred Ten Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$110,200) to come from the assistance to firefighters grant and Five Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$5,800) to come from the Grant Application Capital Reserve Account. No additional funds will be raised through taxation. No amount shall be expended unless the grant funds are secured.

**Recommended by the Select Board (5 years, 0 nays); and Budget Committee (6 years, 0 nays)**

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to survey the Howe Town Forest and to further authorize the withdrawal of the sum indicated from the Town Forest Fund. No additional funds will be raised by taxation.

**Recommended by the Select Board (5 years, 0 nays); and Budget Committee (6 years, 0 nays)**

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to reconstruct and repave the sidewalks in the downtown area with funds for this appropriation to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance.

**Recommended by the Select Board (5 years, 0 nays); and Budget Committee (6 years, 0 nays)**

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2020 (continued)

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**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) to design, permit and construct an expanded parking area in the existing municipal lot behind the Post Office with funds for this appropriation to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance.

**Recommended by the Select Board (4 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention); and Budget Committee; (6 yeas, 0 nays)**

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for a statistical update of property values with funds for this appropriation to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance.

**Recommended by the Select Board (5 yeas, 0 nays); and Budget Committee (6 yeas, 0 nays)**

**Article 13: By Petition:** The science is clear; the climate is changing. We acknowledge that our planet is in a climate emergency.

We the town of Holderness hereby call upon our state and federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a carbon fee and dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis. Enacting a carbon cash-back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire's economy. Carbon cash-back has been championed by US economists (Jan 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety.

We expect our representatives to take the lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we all rely.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Holderness Select Board to our Holderness' State Legislators, the Governor of New Hampshire, Holderness' Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of these instructions from their constituents, within 30 days of this vote.

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2020 (continued)

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**Article 14: By Petition:** To bring this resolution to a vote before the Town of Holderness, NH.

To see if the Town of Holderness will vote to pass the following RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Medicare for All Act of 2019 (H.R. 1384/S.1129) would provide national health insurance for every person in the United States for all necessary medical care including prescription drugs; hospital, surgical and outpatient services; primary and preventive care; emergency services; reproductive care; dental and vision care; and

WHEREAS, the health and quality of life for the residents of HOLDERNESS will vastly improve with Medicare for All because they would be able to get the ongoing care they need without copays and deductibles; and

WHEREAS, the Medicare for All Act of 2019 would result in the elimination of town and school health insurance costs in the Annual Budget and result in lower property taxes for the residents of Holderness;

BE IT RESOLVED that the voters of HOLDERNESS, New Hampshire enthusiastically support the Medicare for All ACT of 2019, and instruct for New Hampshire's congressional representatives to work towards its immediate enactment, assuring appropriate and efficient health care for all residents of the United States.

IF A MAJORITY of voters support the question, the Select Board shall immediately send a written notice to New Hampshire's congressional delegation informing them of the instructions of their constituents within 30 days of the vote.

**Article 15:** To transact any other business that can legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands this 18th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty.

HOLDERNESS  
SELECT BOARD

Jill White, Chair  
John Laverack, Vice Chair  
Samuel Brickley  
Peter Francesco  
Kelly Schwaner

## 2020-2021 HOLDERNESS TOWN BUDGET

Source of Revenue	Actual Revenue FY 18-19	Estimated Revenue FY 19-20	Estimated Revenue FY 20-21
<b>Taxes - Non Property</b>			
3120-001 Land Use Tax	2,866.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
3185-001 Yield Taxes	12,321.17	9,500.00	9,500.00
3186-000 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
3189-002 Excav Tax Warrant	214.36	0.00	150.00
3190-001 Penalties & Interest	31,413.84	45,600.00	41,000.00
<b>Total Taxes - Non Property</b>	<b>46,815.37</b>	<b>60,100.00</b>	<b>55,650.00</b>
<b>Business Licenses and Permits</b>			
3210-001 Bus. License/Cable Fee	12,049.59	12,000.00	12,100.00
3210-004 UCC Filings & Cert.	765.00	400.00	725.00
3220-000 Motor Vehicle Fees	516,664.75	475,000.00	500,000.00
3230-000 Building Permit Fees	15,278.80	9,000.00	11,000.00
<b>Total - Business Licences and Permits</b>	<b>544,758.14</b>	<b>496,400.00</b>	<b>523,825.00</b>
<b>Other Licences, Permits, Fees</b>			
3290-001 Dog License	2,953.50	3,100.00	3,100.00
3290-004 Copy Fees	176.50	200.00	200.00
3290-005 Vital Records	2,200.00	2,050.00	2,400.00
3290-006 Boat Tax	8,994.49	7,200.00	7,500.00
3290-009 Other	601.00	400.00	400.00
<b>Total - Other Licences, Permits, Fees</b>	<b>14,925.49</b>	<b>12,950.00</b>	<b>13,600.00</b>
<b>State and Federal</b>			
3319-000 Fed Grants & Reimb	11,517.22	0.00	0.00
3351-000 Shared Rev Block Grant	0.00	0.00	21,000.00
3353-000 Highway Block Grants	73,913.41	74,025.00	75,144.00
3359-001 Rooms & Meals	108,372.98	108,559.00	108,559.00
3359-002 Other Grants	6,722.42	0.00	0.00
<b>Total - State &amp; Federal Grants</b>	<b>200,526.03</b>	<b>182,584.00</b>	<b>204,703.00</b>

## 2020-2021 HOLDERNESS TOWN BUDGET (continued)

Source of Revenue	Actual Revenue FY 18-19	Estimated Revenue FY 19-20	Estimated Revenue FY 20-21
<b>Income from Departments</b>			
3401-001 Police - General	11,641.94	8,000.00	8,000.00
3401-002 Police - HSRO	84,679.83	86,432.00	88,000.00
3401-003 Recreation Dept	34,295.60	27,500.00	35,475.00
3401-004 Beach	3,450.00	3,400.00	3,400.00
3401-006 Transfer Station Tipping Fees	48,767.42	58,000.00	62,000.00
3401-007 Planning	5,376.20	2,150.00	3,000.00
3401-008 Zoning	1,854.00	2,600.00	2,000.00
3401-009 Fire	970.00	850.00	900.00
3401-010 Library	358.70	600.00	400.00
3401-012 Transfer Station Permits	2,407.00	1,950.00	2,000.00
3401-013 TCTC E-Reg Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
3403-000 Sewer User Charges	184.25	3,800.00	300.00
3403-001 Sewer Maintenance Warrant	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total - Income from Departments</b>	<b>193,984.94</b>	<b>195,282.00</b>	<b>205,475.00</b>
<b>Other Income</b>			
3501-000 Sale of Municipal Prop	5,229.00	0.00	0.00
3502-001 Checking & Savings	53,610.52	15,277.00	60,000.00
3502-002 Investment Interest	2,554.29	2,500.00	0.00
3502-003 Misc Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00
3506-003 Retiree Health Ins Reimb.	0.00	0.00	0.00
3506-004 Other Ins Reimb.	0.00	0.00	0.00
3506-005 Ins - Employee Share	0.00	0.00	0.00
3506-006 SS Reimb.	0.00	0.00	0.00
3506-007 NHRS Reimb.	0.00	0.00	0.00
3508-000 Donations & Gifts	4,100.00	0.00	0.00
3508-001 Library Addition	0.00	0.00	0.00
3509-000 Miscellaneous Income	4,692.40	0.00	0.00
3509-001 Life Safety-PSU	48,830.00	48,355.00	49,600.00
3509-100 Long Term Note	0.00	0.00	0.00
3915 Transfer from Capital Reserve	336,468.65	391,774.00	397,960.00
Transfers Fund Balance	0.00	112,643.00	182,000.00
Town Forest Fund	0.00	0.00	4,000.00
Grant Funds	0.00	0.00	110,200.00
Donations and Gifts	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total - Other Income</b>	<b>455,484.86</b>	<b>570,549.00</b>	<b>803,760.00</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenue</b>	<b>1,456,494.83</b>	<b>1,517,865.00</b>	<b>1,807,013.00</b>

## 2020-2021 HOLDERNESS TOWN BUDGET (continued)

Purpose of Appropriation (RSA 32:3)	18-19 Actual	FY19-20 Budget	FY20-21 Board of Selectmen	FY 20-21 Budget Committee
<b>General Government</b>				
4130 Executive	128,559.26	144,874.52	144,625.82	144,625.82
4140 Election, Registration, Vitals	86,785.74	91,854.00	95,931.00	95,931.00
4150 Financial Administration	62,382.75	67,888.24	67,450.89	67,450.89
4152 Revaluation of Property	26,616.28	49,000.00	49,000.00	49,000.00
4153 Legal	10,099.66	15,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
4155 Personnel Benefits	366,047.82	393,787.60	402,191.01	402,191.01
4191 Planning	12,929.43	14,317.65	17,606.72	17,606.72
4192 Zoning	2,821.54	9,491.65	8,095.40	8,095.40
4194 General Government Buildings	18,158.12	17,493.00	17,575.00	17,575.00
4195 Cemeteries	2,862.19	4,360.00	3,975.00	3,975.00
4196 Insurance	31,772.00	34,996.00	37,376.00	37,376.00
<b>Public Safety</b>				
4210 Police	469,775.69	491,911.00	499,974.00	499,974.00
4215 Ambulance	49,801.16	50,267.88	51,072.16	51,072.16
4220 Fire	169,541.18	184,238.60	193,093.23	193,093.23
4290 Emergency Management	500.00	1,800.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
4411 Compliance/Health	10,916.26	8,802.57	14,336.26	14,336.26
<b>Highways and Streets</b>				
4312 Highways and Streets	328,512.10	339,000.00	346,757.50	346,757.50
4316 Street Lighting	5,245.01	5,750.00	5,750.00	5,750.00
<b>Sanitation</b>				
4324 Sanitation	214,522.83	221,563.64	289,962.06	289,962.06
4326 Sewer	284.25	2,700.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Health and Welfare</b>				
Animal Control	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Public Service	27,717.00	41,734.00	42,489.00	42,489.00
Welfare	4,400.41	15,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>				
Parks and Recreation	69,977.01	70,442.00	73,120.00	73,120.00
Beach	7,172.44	8,850.00	8,650.00	8,650.00
Library	136,202.91	153,484.46	160,043.41	160,043.41
Patriotic Purposes	1,273.00	2,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
<b>Conservation</b>				
Conservation	3,797.15	5,578.20	3,599.54	3,599.54
<b>Debt Service</b>				
Debt Service	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Operating Budget</b>	<b>2,250,173.19</b>	<b>2,448,185.01</b>	<b>2,572,674.00</b>	<b>2,572,674.00</b>

## 2020-2021 HOLDERNESS TOWN BUDGET (continued)

Purpose of Appropriation (RSA 32:3)	18-19 Actual	FY19-20 Budget	FY20-21 Board of Selectmen	FY 20-21 Budget Committee
<b>Capital Outlay</b>				
4901-711 Road Reconstruction	144,891.56	235,344.00	225,660.00	225,660.00
4901-712 Public Works Vehicle	34,157.00	137,500.00	0.00	0.00
4901-715 Fire/Rescue Vehicles	29,447.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4901-727 Public Safety Bldg. Imp	0.00	10,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00
4901-722 Library Add - Town- Shade Structu	19100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4901-723 Library Addition-Donation	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
4901-734 Revaluation	63,268.91	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
4901-741 Fire Equipment	0.00	12,000.00	116,000.00	116,000.00
4901-745 Computer/Tax Assessing Software	12,550.00	18,885.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
4901-765 Village Sidewalk	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
4901-783 Abatement Defense Fund	4,825.18	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
4901-788 Conservation Biological Study	2,329.00	8,688.00	0.00	0.00
4901-799 Town Forest Survey	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
4901-794 Employee Post Benefit Expendabl	0.00	0.00	55,000.00	55,000.00
4901-793 Police Cruiser	30,000.00	45,000.00	0.00	0.00
4901-801 Downtown Parking Expansion	0.00	0.00	120,000.00	120,000.00
4901-801 Statistical Update of Values	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
4901-798 Addl Hwy Block Grant	37,843.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Capital Outlay</b>	<b>378,411.68</b>	<b>492,417.00</b>	<b>682,160.00</b>	<b>682,160.00</b>
<b>To Capital Reserve Funds</b>				
4915-603 White Oak Pond Dam	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
4915-901 Fire/Rescue Vehicles	40,000.00	40,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00
4915-902 Road Reconstruction	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00
4915-904 Library	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
4915-905 Municipal Buildings	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
4915-906 Revaluation	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
4915-907 Fire Equipment	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
4915-909 Public Works Vehicles	46,000.00	46,000.00	51,000.00	51,000.00
4915-910 Conservation	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
4915-910 Police Cruiser	26,000.00	19,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00
4915-911 Transfer Station Equip	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
4915-912 Employee Health Ins	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
4915-914 Town Information Tech	10,000.00	17,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
4915-915 Library Info Tech	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00
4915-917 Master Plan CRF	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
4915-918 Emp. Post Benefit Exp. Trust	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
4915-919 Cable TV Service Expansion	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
<b>Total to Capital Reserves</b>	<b>403,500.00</b>	<b>403,500.00</b>	<b>403,500.00</b>	<b>403,500.00</b>
<b>Total Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>3,032,084.87</b>	<b>3,344,102.01</b>	<b>3,658,334.00</b>	<b>3,658,334.00</b>
<b>Estimated Gross Revenues</b>	<b>1,456,494.83</b>	<b>1,517,865.00</b>	<b>1,807,013.00</b>	<b>1,807,013.00</b>
<b>Net Property Tax Appropriation*</b>	<b>1,575,590.04</b>	<b>1,826,237.01</b>	<b>1,851,321.00</b>	<b>1,851,321.00</b>

\* Does not include war service credits or overlay

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020**

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After 14 years as your Town Treasurer, I continue to have full confidence in the Town's balance sheet and its financial management.

All of our General Fund monies are invested at Meredith Village Savings Bank at a interest yield of 2%. 100 percent of these funds are insured by the FDIC or collateralized by US Government securities.

Our town has solid financial safeguards in place to minimize the potential for fraud. Our financial records are externally audited each year. All municipal checks require three official signatures (Treasurer and two Selectmen). Every bill is reviewed by the Town Administrator, Michael Capone, the Select Board and myself before it is paid.

The following is a financial summary for fiscal year 2018-2019 prepared using cash-basis accounting.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Elgin  
Town Treasurer



**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020**

<b>OPERATING ACCOUNT</b>		
Beginning Balance 07/01/18		\$ 5,615,407.93
Auditor Adjustments		
Receipts		
Taxes	\$ 9,198,227.14	
All Other	\$ 1,443,469.70	
Total Receipts		\$ 10,641,696.84
Expenditures		
School Payments	\$ (6,556,114.00)	
County Payment	\$ (1,354,591.00)	
Town Employee Wages & Taxes	\$ (1,019,511.27)	
Town Capital & Operating Expenses	(2,111,162.77)	
Total Expenditures		\$ (11,041,379.04)
Ending Balance 06/30/19		\$ 5,215,725.73
Bank Proof		
MVSB: 07/01/18 Checking & Investment		\$ 5,193,421.17
Deposits in transit		\$ 213,661.38
Checks in transit		\$ (191,356.82)
Ending Balance 6/30/2019		\$ 5,215,725.73
<b>CONSERVATION ACCOUNT</b>		
Beginning Balance 07/01/18	\$ 1,139.82	
Receipts	\$ 1.33	
Expenditures	\$ -	
Ending Balance 06/30/19	\$ 1,141.15	
Bank Proof		
Meredith Village Savings Bank 07/01/18	\$ -	
Deposits	\$ 741,226.27	
Transfers	\$ (741,226.27)	
Ending Balance 06/30/19	\$ -	
<b>WOODSVILLE SAVINGS BANK CD</b>		
Principal (\$250,000)		
Balance 07/01/2018	\$ 254,260.16	
Interest Earned	\$ 2,554.29	
Ending Balance as of 06/30/2019	\$ 256,814.45	
Matured 9/23/2019		

# TRUST FUNDS & CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS REPORT

## YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019

Fund	Beginning Balance	Contributions	Withdrawals	Interest Earned	Ending Balance
<b>TOWN OF HOLDERNESS</b>					
ABATEMENT LEGAL DEFENSE	\$ 22,015.39			496.77	\$ 22,512.16
CABLE TV EXTENSION CAP RESV.	\$ 23,826.33	12,000.00		649.51	\$ 36,475.84
CEMETERY FUNDS	\$ 14,371.16			324.28	\$ 14,695.44
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$ 98,719.94	18,632.00	(2,329.00)	2,276.43	\$ 117,299.37
EMERGENCY MGT EXPENSES	\$ 16,311.06			368.04	\$ 16,679.10
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INS. ACCT	\$ 41,120.67	5,000.00	(4,825.18)	968.76	\$ 42,264.25
EMPLOYEE POST EMP. BENEFIT	\$ 32,997.32	15,000.00		884.42	\$ 48,881.74
FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND	\$ 6,688.99	5,000.00		197.54	\$ 11,886.53
FIRE TRUCK	\$ 146,303.34	40,000.00	(29,447.00)	3,639.23	\$ 160,495.57
FOREST FIRE EXPENDABLE TRUST	\$ 18,056.07			407.44	\$ 18,463.51
GRANT APPLICATIONS	\$ 11,910.53			268.77	\$ 12,179.30
LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 47,981.93	5,000.00	(15,000.00)	1,111.49	\$ 39,093.42
LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY FUND	\$ 36,403.53	10,000.00		914.67	\$ 47,318.20
MASTER PLAN	\$ 25,088.61	5,000.00		612.73	\$ 30,701.34
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS FUND	\$ 65,435.89	30,000.00		1,756.24	\$ 97,192.13
POLICE CRUISER	\$ 35,769.45	26,000.00	(30,000.00)	1,013.88	\$ 32,783.33
PUBLIC WORKS CAP RESERVE	\$ 6,660.71	46,000.00	(34,157.00)	538.55	\$ 19,042.26
RAND GARDEN FUND	\$ 877.56		(5.00)	1.04	\$ 873.60
RECREATION PATH MAINTENANCE	\$ 23,897.17			539.24	\$ 24,436.41
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	\$ 233,758.70	150,000.00	(144,891.56)	6,500.91	\$ 245,368.05
SEWER CONSTRUCTION	\$ 11,498.17			259.45	\$ 11,757.62
TOWN TECHNOLOGY FUND	\$ 6,277.27	10,000.00	(12,550.00)	219.95	\$ 3,947.22
TOWN REVALUATION FUND	\$ 53,932.56	35,000.00	(63,268.91)	1,468.09	\$ 27,131.74
TRANSFER STATION	\$ 1,027.03			23.18	\$ 1,050.21
TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT	\$ 40,289.26	2,000.00		927.76	\$ 43,217.02
VETERANS HONOR ROLL MAINTENANCE	\$ 2,852.67			64.38	\$ 2,917.05
VILLAGE SIDEWALKS FUND	\$ 1,190.52			26.88	\$ 1,217.40
WHITE OAK POND FUND	\$ 8,259.27	2,500.00		209.67	\$ 10,968.94
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 1,033,521.10</b>	<b>\$ 417,132.00</b>	<b>\$ (336,473.65)</b>	<b>\$ 26,669.30</b>	<b>\$ 1,140,848.75</b>
<b>HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL</b>					
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND	\$ 53,657.44			1,210.75	\$ 54,868.19
TECHNOLOGY	\$ 67,367.65	40,000.00	(19,810.00)	1,918.02	\$ 89,475.67
LAND PURCHASE FUND	\$ -				\$ -
BUILDING RENOVATIONS	\$ 67,030.81	100,000.00	(33,500.00)	2,586.21	\$ 136,117.02
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 188,055.90</b>	<b>\$ 140,000.00</b>	<b>\$ (53,310.00)</b>	<b>\$ 5,714.98</b>	<b>\$ 280,460.88</b>

# TRUST FUNDS & CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS REPORT

## YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019 (continued)

Fund	Ending Balance	Contributions	Withdrawals	Interest Earned	Ending Balance
<b>PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DIST</b>					
SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$ 1,733.70			39.11	\$ 1,772.81
BUILDING FUND	\$ 1,652.57			37.29	\$ 1,689.86
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 3,386.27</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 76.40</b>	<b>\$ 3,462.67</b>
<b>PEMI-BAKER SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS</b>					
ASH SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 3,549.48			80.09	\$ 3,629.57
AVERY SCHOLARSHIP PU	\$ 1,430.28			32.28	\$ 1,462.56
BLAKE SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 9,237.18			208.44	\$ 9,445.62
BURKE SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 4,989.23		(200.00)	111.44	\$ 4,900.67
DAWSON SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 5,272.23		(1,000.00)	113.31	\$ 4,385.54
FRENCH CLUB	\$ -				\$ -
FRONCEK SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 2,565.70			57.90	\$ 2,623.60
LAWSON SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 5,003.35		(500.00)	111.83	\$ 4,615.18
LW PACKARD EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 10,508.78		(1,000.00)	231.42	\$ 9,740.20
MINICKIELLO SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 1,006.60			22.71	\$ 1,029.31
PAQUETTE SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 2,403.12			54.24	\$ 2,457.36
PERSON SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 25,129.01		(450.00)	566.06	\$ 25,245.07
SPANISH CLUB	\$ 906.55		(200.00)	19.32	\$ 725.87
VOLPE SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 9,770.31	11,675.18	(8,400.18)	278.96	\$ 13,324.27
W. CARLETON ADAMS PR	\$ 23,867.97		(3,000.00)	515.40	\$ 21,383.37
YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 7,182.63		(150.00)	161.23	\$ 7,193.86
ZOULIAS SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 33,447.86	3,500.00	(1,600.00)	820.90	\$ 36,168.76
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 146,270.28</b>	<b>\$ 15,175.18</b>	<b>\$ (16,500.18)</b>	<b>\$ 3,385.53</b>	<b>\$ 148,330.81</b>
TOTAL TOWN FUNDS					\$1,140,848.75
TOTAL HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL FUNDS					\$ 280,460.88
TOTAL PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL FUNDS					\$ 3,462.67
TOTAL PEMI-BAKER SCHOLARSHIPS					\$ 148,330.81
<b>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>					<b>\$1,573,103.11</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
Trustees of the Trust Funds  
Bonnie Hunt, Chair  
Maurice Lafreniere  
Peter Woodward

## VITAL STATISTICS 2019

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### BIRTHS

January 3	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> <b>Charlotte Ann Reid</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Bradley Reid</b>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> <b>Concord, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Elizabeth King</b>
March 7	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> <b>Owen Wilder Manion</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Jeffrey Manion</b>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> <b>Plymouth, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Kristina Manion</b>
May 23	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> <b>Colin Harris Restuccia</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Byron Restuccia</b>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> <b>Plymouth, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Heather Restuccia</b>

### DEATHS

January 7	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> <b>Richard Havlock, Sr.</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>James Havlock</b>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> <b>Holderness, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> <b>Marjorie Phinney</b>
February 5	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> <b>Fayre Stickney</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Harold Roberts</b>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> <b>North Haverhill, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> <b>Audrey Tebbetts</b>
March 16	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> <b>Patricia Ford</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Worthen Danforth</b>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> <b>Holderness, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> <b>Celia Dutton</b>
April 20	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> <b>Janet Snow</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Blaylock Atherton</b>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> <b>Strafford, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> <b>Katherine Bremner</b>

## VITAL STATISTICS 2019 (continued)

May 22	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> <b>Norman Smith, Jr.</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Norman Smith, Sr.</b>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> <b>Holderness, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> <b>Phyllis Shepard</b>
June 20	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> <b>Anne Riehs</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>John Pakan</b>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> <b>Plymouth, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> <b>Anna Dinga</b>
July 1	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> <b>Mary Nielsen</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Tolford Piper</b>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> <b>Holderness, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> <b>Pattie Messick</b>
August 18	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> <b>James Myers</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>James Myers</b>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> <b>Holderness, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> <b>Shirley Deering</b>
October 13	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> <b>Robert Slagle</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>George Slagle</b>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> <b>Holderness, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> <b>Gladys Montgomery</b>

## MARRIAGES

March 21	<u>NAME &amp; SURNAME OF</u> <u>GROOM &amp; BRIDE:</u> <b>Jay M. Conley</b> <b>Kathleen M. Fleming</b>	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME</u> <u>OF MARRIAGE:</u> <b>Holderness, NH</b> <b>Holderness, NH</b>
June 15	<u>NAME &amp; SURNAME OF</u> <u>GROOM &amp; BRIDE:</u> <b>Garrett W. Graton</b> <b>Jessie L. Melanson</b>	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME</u> <u>OF MARRIAGE:</u> <b>Holderness, NH</b> <b>Holderness, NH</b>

## VITAL STATISTICS 2019 (continued)

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July 3	<u>NAME &amp; SURNAME OF</u> <u>GROOM &amp; BRIDE:</u>	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME</u> <u>OF MARRIAGE:</u>
	<b>Alan W. Rollins</b> <b>April L. Brown</b>	<b>Holderness, NH</b> <b>Holderness, NH</b>
August 16	<u>NAME &amp; SURNAME OF</u> <u>GROOM &amp; BRIDE:</u>	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME</u> <u>OF MARRIAGE:</u>
	<b>Peter A. Lovett</b> <b>Kim Godfrey</b>	<b>Holderness, NH</b> <b>Holderness, NH</b>
August 21	<u>NAME &amp; SURNAME OF</u> <u>GROOM &amp; BRIDE:</u>	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME</u> <u>OF MARRIAGE:</u>
	<b>Nicholas R. Panaggio</b> <b>Shannon L. Griffiths</b>	<b>Holderness, NH</b> <b>Holderness, NH</b>
September 14	<u>NAME &amp; SURNAME OF</u> <u>GROOM &amp; BRIDE:</u>	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME</u> <u>OF MARRIAGE:</u>
	<b>Andrew S. Keffer</b> <b>Rachel J. Hickey</b>	<b>Holderness, NH</b> <b>Medford, MA</b>
September 21	<u>NAME &amp; SURNAME OF</u> <u>GROOM &amp; BRIDE:</u>	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME</u> <u>OF MARRIAGE:</u>
	<b>Dean M. Melanson</b> <b>Dawn K. Jesseman</b>	<b>Holderness, NH</b> <b>Holderness, NH</b>
September 28	<u>NAME &amp; SURNAME OF</u> <u>GROOM &amp; BRIDE:</u>	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME</u> <u>OF MARRIAGE:</u>
	<b>Nathen A. Ford</b> <b>Robin L. Gilbert</b>	<b>Holderness, NH</b> <b>Holderness, NH</b>

## **WELFARE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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The Welfare Department continues to work with clients in need. Throughout the year, I have worked with many respectful individuals in our community and have helped them through their hard times. Clients come to this office with many different situations and I have worked with each client to ensure they receive the help needed. Many individuals are referred to outside agencies and I am very grateful for all the support and assistance they have provided for my clients.

Eligibility for assistance is determined by having each individual complete an extensive application in order to provide an overview of the client's specific situation. Assistance is provided for an individual's basic necessities in accordance with State law and Town guidelines. The applicants that are found eligible are assisted with expenses such as food, heat, electricity, rent, prescription drugs and other basic living and working needs. All applicants must have exhausted all other economic resources to be granted town assistance. It is, and always will be, the goal of the Welfare Department to help residents gain control over their lives and to help them transition through very challenging times.

Heat and rental assistance are always the greatest expenses each year, as this is most individual's largest monthly expense. Many clients pay for expenses that are the most manageable for their budget such as food, electric, and gasoline which leaves the other expenses hard to manage on a fixed or no income. Even with the help from other agencies, community members are continually struggling to make ends meet.

I again would like to thank the outside agencies for all the support and assistance they have provided to the community members in need. I have also enjoyed working closely with the members of the community to ensure they become successful individuals and receive the assistance needed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krystal Alpers  
Welfare Director

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

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As a Board, we represent the citizens of Holderness, NH and in so doing, we look to approve, if we can, every request for variances. It is up to the applicant to provide sufficient evidence that will allow the Board to find reason to approve each request. To the extent that a request goes directly against the Zoning Regulations, which is typically the case, we seek information detailing how a rejection would be a true “hardship” to the applicant while attempting to take into consideration, where applicable, comments from contiguous landowners.

During the most recent fiscal year, there were 19 cases that requested 30 variances. Of those, ten had to do with septic systems, seven requests were for wells, three for reconstruction and remodeling outside the footprint of the home, two requests for setbacks to wetlands and one variance requested a non-attached additional dwelling unit (ADU).

With this as background, the Zoning Board was able to approve 15 variance requests, three requests were withdrawn, two requests were continued and we had one appeal where a prior decision of another board was vacated.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Maloney



L to R: Chair Robert Maloney, Landuse Assistant Linda Levy, Members Kristen Fuller, Jude Ruhm, Eric MacLeish, Bill Zurhellen



Future ZBA: Fuller Children, L to R: Lorelai, Oliver, Juliet, Ryan



## **SCHOOL REPORTS**

### **OFFICERS OF THE HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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#### **SCHOOL BOARD**

Joseph Casey, Chair  
Carolyn Mello  
Meridith Mitchell  
Kristina Casey  
Joanne Pierce

#### **TERM EXPIRES**

2020  
2021  
2021  
2022  
2022

#### **CLERK**

Sara Weinberg

#### **TREASURER**

Kathleen Whittemore

#### **MODERATOR**

Vacant

#### **AUDITOR**

Roberge and Company

#### **SUPERINTENDENT**

Mark J. Halloran

#### **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

Kyla A. Welch

#### **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

Pamela A. Martin

**HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL ELECTION WARRANT**

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To the inhabitants of the Town of Holderness Local School in the County of Grafton in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in school district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Holderness Town Hall in said District n the tenth day of March, 2020 between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. to act upon the following subjects:

- 1. To choose a Member for the School Board for the ensuing three years.
- 2. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing two years.
- 3. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing three years.

Given under our hands,		
We certify and attest that on or before _____, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at Town Hall and Post Office, and delivered the original to the keeper of records.		
Printed Name	Position	Signature
Carolyn Mello	School Board Chairperson	
Dr. Joseph Casey	School Board Member	
Kristina Casey	School Board Member	
Meredith Mitchell	School Board Member	
Joanne Pierce	School Board Member	

## **HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL ELECTION WARRANT (continued)**

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To the inhabitants of the School District of Holderness Local School in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in School District affairs are hereby notified that the Annual School District Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Holderness Central School

### **Article 01: Reports of agents, auditors, committees or officer**

To see what action the School District will take relative to the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers.

### **Article 02: Building Improvements from Capital Reserve**

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$40,700) for Replacement Windows and authorize the withdrawal of Forty Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$40,700) from the School Building Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. No Amount to come from general taxation. The School Board recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

### **Article 03: Technology Upgrades**

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25,225) for Technology Upgrades and to authorize the withdrawal of Twenty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25,225) from the Technology Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

### **Article 04: Building Renovation Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in the previously established capital reserve fund for building renovations. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

### **Article 05: Technology Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the Technology Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

**HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL ELECTION WARRANT (continued)**

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**Article 06: Teachers Collective Bargaining Agreement**

To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Holderness School Board and the Holderness Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2020-2021	\$27,530
2021-2022	\$31,117
2022-2023	\$34,410
2023-2024	\$63,528

and further to raise and appropriate Twenty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$27,530) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

**Article 07: Fund Balance to Building Capital Reserve**

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the School Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

**Article 08: Operating Budget**

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee's recommended amount of Four Million Two Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$4,266,172) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

# MS-27 HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL BUDGET 2019-2020

## Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 6/30/2019	Appropriations as Approved by DRA for period ending 6/30/2020	School Board's Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2021 (Recommended)	School Board's Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2021 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2021 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2021 (Not Recommended)
<b>Instruction</b>								
1100-1199	Regular Programs	08	\$1,768,398	\$1,902,478	\$1,956,864	\$0	\$1,956,864	\$0
1200-1299	Special Programs	08	\$489,764	\$461,063	\$514,071	\$0	\$514,071	\$0
1300-1399	Vocational Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1400-1499	Other Programs	08	\$56,231	\$75,571	\$73,371	\$0	\$73,371	\$0
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs	08	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1600-1699	Adult/Continuing Education Programs	08	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1700-1799	Community/Junior College Education Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1800-1899	Community Service Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Instruction Subtotal</b>			<b>\$2,314,393</b>	<b>\$2,439,102</b>	<b>\$2,544,306</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,544,306</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Support Services</b>								
2000-2199	Student Support Services	08	\$275,661	\$301,889	\$314,364	\$0	\$314,364	\$0
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services	08	\$149,341	\$163,066	\$163,926	\$0	\$163,926	\$0
<b>Support Services Subtotal</b>			<b>\$425,002</b>	<b>\$464,955</b>	<b>\$478,290</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$478,290</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>General Administration</b>								
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2310 (840)	School Board Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2310-2319	Other School Board	08	\$19,435	\$20,884	\$20,334	\$0	\$20,334	\$0
<b>General Administration Subtotal</b>			<b>\$19,435</b>	<b>\$20,884</b>	<b>\$20,334</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$20,334</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Executive Administration</b>								
2320 (310)	SAU Management Services	08	\$220,774	\$244,658	\$270,261	\$0	\$270,261	\$0
2320-2399	All Other Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2400-2499	School Administration Service	08	\$219,902	\$230,327	\$233,612	\$0	\$233,612	\$0
2500-2599	Business	08	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
2600-2699	Plant Operations and Maintenance	08	\$345,329	\$394,482	\$396,382	\$0	\$396,382	\$0
2700-2799	Student Transportation	08	\$182,206	\$185,116	\$219,484	\$0	\$219,484	\$0
2800-2999	Support Service, Central and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Executive Administration Subtotal</b>			<b>\$966,211</b>	<b>\$1,055,083</b>	<b>\$1,120,239</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,120,239</b>	<b>\$0</b>

MS-27 HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL BUDGET 2019-2020 (continued)

Appropriations

Facilities Acquisition and Construction									
4100	Site Acquisition		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4200	Site Improvement		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4300	Architectural/Engineering		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4400	Educational Specification Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4500	Building Acquisition/Construction		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4600	Building Improvement Services	08	\$104,626	\$43,000	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$0
4900	Other Facilities Acquisition and Construction		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Subtotal			\$104,626	\$43,000	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$0
Other Outlays									
5110	Debt Service - Principal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5120	Debt Service - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Outlays Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund Transfers									
5220-5221	To Food Service	08	\$25,000	\$23,001	\$23,001	\$0	\$23,001	\$0	\$0
5222-5229	To Other Special Revenue	08	\$65,271	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$0
5230-5239	To Capital Projects		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5251	To Capital Reserve		\$140,000	\$160,000					
5254	To Agency Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5300-5399	Intergovernmental Agency Allocation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5990	Supplemental Appropriation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5992	Deficit Appropriation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund Transfers Subtotal			\$230,271	\$183,002	\$23,002	\$0	\$23,002	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Budget Appropriations									
			\$4,135,731	\$4,286,026	\$4,266,172	\$0	\$4,266,172	\$0	\$0

MS-27 HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL BUDGET 2019-2020 (continued)

Special Warrant Articles									
Account	Purpose	Article	School Board's Appropriations ending 6/30/2021 (Recommended)	School Board's Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2021 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2021 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2021 (Not Recommended)			
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
5252	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
5253	To Non-Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
1100-1199	Regular Programs		\$25,225	\$0	\$0	\$0			
1500	Building Acquisition/Construction	Purpose: Technology Upgrades							
		02	\$40,700	\$0	\$0	\$0			
3251	To Capital Reserve Fund	Purpose: Building Improvements from Capital Reserve							
		04	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0			
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund	Purpose: Building Renovation Capital Reserve Fund							
		05	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0			
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund	Purpose: Technology Capital Reserve Fund							
		07	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0			
		Purpose: Fund Balance to Building Capital Reserve							
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$245,925	\$0	\$0	\$0			

Individual Warrant Articles									
Account	Purpose	Article	School Board's Appropriations ending 6/30/2021 (Recommended)	School Board's Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2021 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2021 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2021 (Not Recommended)			
1100-1199	Regular Programs		\$27,530	\$0	\$0	\$0			
		06							
		Purpose: Teachers Collective Bargaining Agreement							
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$27,530	\$0	\$0	\$0			

MS-27 HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL BUDGET 2019-2020 (continued)

Revenues					
Account	Source	Article	Revised Revenues for period ending 6/30/2020	School Board's Estimated Revenues for period ending 6/30/2021	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 6/30/2021
Local Sources					
1300-1349	Tuition	08	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
1400-1449	Transportation Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments	08	\$100	\$100	\$100
1600-1699	Food Service Sales	08	\$29,900	\$29,900	\$29,900
1700-1799	Student Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0
1800-1899	Community Service Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0
1900-1999	Other Local Sources	08	\$26,677	\$13,337	\$13,337
Local Sources Subtotal			\$68,677	\$55,337	\$55,337
State Sources					
3210	School Building Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3215	Kindergarten Building Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Kindergarten Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3230	Catastrophic Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3240-3249	Vocational Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3250	Adult Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3260	Child Nutrition	08	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100
3270	Driver Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3290-3299	Other State Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources Subtotal			\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100
Federal Sources					
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants	08	\$21,500	\$17,300	\$17,300
4540	Vocational Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
4550	Adult Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
4560	Child Nutrition	08	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$26,000
4570	Disabilities Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0
4580	Medicaid Distribution	08	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (non-4810)	08	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
4810	Federal Forest Reserve	08	\$327	\$300	\$300
Federal Sources Subtotal			\$67,827	\$68,600	\$68,600
Other Financing Sources					
5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
5140	Reimbursement Anticipation Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
5221	Transfer from Food Service Special Revenue Fund	08	\$23,000	\$23,000	\$23,000
5222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds	03, 02	\$44,120	\$65,925	\$0
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
9997	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	07	\$0	\$40,000	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal			\$67,120	\$128,925	\$23,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$204,724	\$253,962	\$148,037



MS-27 HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL BUDGET 2019-2020 (continued)

Budget Summary

Item	School Board Period ending 6/30/2021 (Recommended)	Budget Committee Period ending 6/30/2021 (Recommended)
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$4,266,172	\$4,266,172
Special Warrant Articles	\$245,925	\$0
Individual Warrant Articles	\$27,530	\$0
Total Appropriations	\$4,539,627	\$4,266,172
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$253,962	\$148,037
Less Amount of State Education Tax/Grant	\$0	\$0
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$4,285,665	\$4,118,135

Supplemental Schedule

1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee	\$4,266,172
Less Exclusions:	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
4. Capital outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
5. Mandatory Assessments	\$0
6. Total Exclusions (Sum of Lines 2 through 5 above)	\$0
7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 1 less Line 6)	\$4,266,172
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 7 x 10%)	\$426,617
Collective Bargaining Cost Items:	
9. Recommended Cost Items (Prior to Meeting)	\$0
10. Voted Cost Items (Voted at Meeting)	\$0
11. Amount voted over recommended amount (Difference of Lines 9 and 10)	\$0
12. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted	\$0
Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted at Meeting: (Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 12)	\$4,692,789

## MS-27 HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET

	General	Food Service	All Other	Capital Projects	Trust/ Agency
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Cash	352,556.32	(8,143.76)	(11,410.93)	0.00	0.00
Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	280,460.88
Interfund Receivables	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intergov Receivables	180.73	9,330.76	14,937.35	0.00	0.00
Other Receivables	630.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prepaid Expenses	3,783.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>357,150.36</b>	<b>1,287.00</b>	<b>3,526.42</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>280,460.88</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Interfund Payables	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intergovernment Payables	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Payables	49,120.55	0.00	3,592.68	0.00	0.00
Accrued Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payroll Deductions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deferred Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>49,120.55</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,592.68</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Fund Equity</b>					
Res for Amounts Voted	40,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unassigned Fund Bal Retained	94,810.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Res for Special Purposes	0.00	1,287.00	(66.26)	0.00	280,460.88
Res for Encumbrances	62,388.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unreserved Fund Balance	110,831.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>308,029.81</b>	<b>1,287.00</b>	<b>(66.26)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>280,460.88</b>
<b>Total Liability &amp; Fund Equity</b>	<b>357,150.36</b>	<b>1,287.00</b>	<b>3,526.42</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>280,460.88</b>

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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We are pleased to offer an update and overview of highlights from SAU 48. The annual report gives us an opportunity to give a few examples of the accomplishments and happenings in our school community.

In curriculum, instruction, and assessment, SAU 48 is grounded in master curriculum maps developed a few years ago. We are also in our second year of our SAU wide common report card in grades K-4 with the option of grade 5. In our middle schools, teachers and administrators continue to study and implement work study practices or soft skills that are necessary for college and careers. In assessment, grades 3-8 continue to be assessed with the New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System in English/Language Arts and Math. In grades 5 and 8, students are also assessed in the area of science. In grades 8, 9, and 10, students are assessed using the PSAT, and in grade 11, all students are assessed using the SAT.

All of the elementary schools will be shifting to a new math curriculum after assessing and reviewing the results of our current program over the last several years. Plymouth Regional High School had a successful NEASC accreditation process. As a result of the visit, a growth plan was developed that targets a vision of a graduate, professional learning communities, and other areas such as curriculum alignment and student achievement/growth. SAU 48 continues to offer a variety of curriculum opportunities for students, including STEM and lab sciences, art and music programs, a variety of co-curricular and athletics, world language opportunities, and project/place-based learning to connect students to their local communities.

Safety and security are a priority in all of our schools. New this year to the Plymouth campus is the position of school resource officer. This position has allowed the districts to work collaboratively with the Plymouth Police Department to focus on prevention, response to incidents, and serve as a liaison from the districts to families and community services. All schools have developed emergency operation plans and practice response drills on a regular basis. Mental health training is a priority in our schools and we have educated the students, families, and communities through an integrated curriculum. The school counselors, in collaboration with faculty, are implementing social/emotional learning curriculum to address the many issues our youth are facing currently.

An area of focus throughout our SAU is to have an increased presence on social media. Several schools have added Instagram accounts and can be followed at: @SAU48pemibaker, @cesfoxes, @hcshawks, @peslearners, @resblackbears. Several schools were awarded robotics grants this year with the option of receiving additional funds next year. Robotics advisors are starting to meet throughout the district with the goal of having a district wide Robotics Day, so stay tuned.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (continued)**

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SAU 48 welcomed three new principals this Fall:

- Melanie McCoy, Wentworth Elementary School
- Joseph Sampson moved from Wentworth to Holderness Central School
- Assistant Principal David Hamnett was promoted to principal upon the retirement of Principal Jim George at Campton Elementary School. All of us thank "Coach George" for his long and faithful service to the students and families of Campton. His legacy will live on.

We would like to thank Mrs. Julie Flynn. Her many years of dedicated service as principal of Plymouth Elementary School is very much appreciated.

Mr. Dana Andrews was hired as the new assistant superintendent, starting July 1st. Dana has served as the Principal of Bridgewater-Hebron Village School for the past 11 years, and we are fortunate to have him join our staff. We look forward to working with him.

The SAU is adding the position of a technology director. This position will serve all schools in the areas of data and security compliance, development of technology plans, as well as advise schools in the areas of integration of technology, overseeing social media, and website development. A nomination will be made at the Spring SAU meeting in May.

As in the past, we remain incredibly grateful for the support and generosity afforded to our schools by the taxpayers of SAU 48. We know and appreciate the enormous sacrifices home owners make to support our schools as they do. We hope we have met your expectations.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Halloran  
Superintendent of Schools

Kyla Welch  
Assistant Superintendent

Pam Martin  
Assistant Superintendent

## HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

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As the Holderness Central School nurse, addressing health concerns of all the students and staff is my main priority. I continue to work closely with staff and parents to coordinate care, especially for those children with learning and physical disabilities. Students are best able to approach their education requirements when they are physically and mentally healthy. The following is the statistical report of the Holderness Central School health office activity from January 1 ,2019 through December 31, 2019...

### **Visit summary:**

Treatments:	1,903
Injury event:	438
Acute and Chronic Illness:	452
Medication Administration:	312
Other Health:	120
 Total Visits:	 1,004

Annual screenings are performed for all students throughout the year. Screenings include height, weight, vision and hearing. Any student that is considered out of normal range is advised to see their clinician. Parents are notified via a phone call and a letter sent home. Sports physicals are also performed annually for 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. School clinician Wilma Hyde, APRN, saw students in the health office on May 5<sup>th</sup>. This coming year (2020) Laurel Galvin, APRN, will be performing sports physicals in May. Laurel is part of Plymouth Pediatrics and is always available if needed.

At Holderness Central School, preventing the spread of the flu is always a priority. The peak of flu season is fast approaching, so the importance of proper hand washing as the most basic step in preventing the spread of the flu has been discussed with all grades. The flu vaccine was offered to all students on October 16<sup>th</sup>, during a state-run flu clinic at HCS. Forty-five percent of the student body received the vaccination at the school this year. This is an increase from last year, and hopefully a trend that will continue. Additionally, the HCS staff had the opportunity to receive the flu vaccine at school through Spear Memorial Hospital; 50% of the staff were vaccinated.

CPR/First Aid training was also available for all staff by taking a written course online through the American Heart Association. The staff was then able to perform the skills portion of the exam at HCS through a coordinated effort between John Brule, ATC, SAU #48 Head Athletic Trainer and myself.

## HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT (continued)

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John Brule also came to HCS before fall and winter sports this year to administer the IMPACT test (Immediate Post Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing). If an athlete suffers a concussion during practice or competition, the IMPACT test is used to determine when the student is eligible to "return to play".

Speare Memorial Hospital continues to sponsor the dental health clinic at HCS. Ruth Doane, RH, provided dental screenings, cleanings, sealants, and fluoride varnish to students in K-8 (with parent permission) in the fall. She will be returning in the spring.

SAU #48 school nurses, employed by Speare Memorial Hospital, meet monthly to discuss policies and share information. Relevant health topics and concerns are discussed.

This year the Wellness Committee is reviewing and updating the current policy. The outside classroom is a focus this year, along with other wellness initiatives.

Please contact me if you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's health. I will always be available as a resource to students, parents, and teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Mason, RN, BSN

*Holderness Central School - Home of the Hawks*

## HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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At Holderness Central School, our goal is to prepare young people for the rigors of their education to come and the changing world around them. To aid us with this task, our school community helped design a school theme this year. After many discussions and surveys, Learning, Kindness and Respect came into focus as particularly important skills to focus on in our school. By focusing our efforts through the lens of our theme, the programs we offer take shape.

This school year, our world language program shifted its focus. With the retirement of our French teacher last spring, we transitioned to Spanish as a building wide world language. As part of this transition, we welcomed a new member of our staff, Audra Sullivan. Using her experience living and teaching in Spanish speaking countries, Audra designed Spanish enrichment for grades K-8 as well as a Spanish I curriculum for 8th grade students planning to advance to Spanish II in high school.

This year, we have refocused our Response to Intervention (RTI) program by including “Hawk Time” in each grade K-5 which gives teachers an opportunity to provide enrichment for students who are excelling, while interventionists provide targeted lessons for students who need support in specific areas of need. Our interventionists meet monthly to discuss and review progress monitoring data from classroom instruction and interventions to ensure we have personalized the instruction of each child who requires extra support.

Our RTI program further enhances our middle school model by simultaneously individualizing instruction for each student while holding them accountable to more responsibility as they approach high school. In addition to adding targeted math and reading intervention, we have also re-introduced a high school level Algebra I class into our course catalog. Students who successfully complete this course by passing the high school final exam can gain entry into Algebra II or Algebra II Honors at Plymouth Regional High School. Finally, our middle school team has extended its enrichment program to include sixth grade which will aid in their transition to middle school structure as well as study skill preparation for high school.

Students in grades 3-5 rotate between two teachers for their four core subject areas. These transitional grades incorporate the holistic approach from primary education while introducing skills necessary for success in middle school. These programs teach functional use of early literacy and math skills paired with the opportunity to practice higher order critical thinking by interpreting informational text through writing.

## **HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL’S REPORT (continued)**

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Our primary grades K-2 are in self-contained classrooms for their academic periods in order to better blend early literacy and number sense into Language Arts, Math, Social Studies and Science exploration. Grades K-2 also have access to our Title I reading teacher and math interventionist who push into lessons in primary grades to aid students who require extra support. We have also made close connections with our local Montessori schools to ensure a seamless transition between programs by sharing language and programming insights.

Another integral part of our educational programming at Holderness Central School is the connection each educator makes with the world around us through experiential education trips for each grade level that align with lessons learned in the classroom. Grades K-5 participated in trips connected to literature, science, history, math, and community service. Students learned about Holderness history from community historians, watched a theatre production of A Christmas Carol and visited The Currier Art Museum in connection with cultural and literature lessons. They absorbed the ecosystem around them, while being taught lessons connected to their curriculum by local naturalists from Remick Farm and Cornell University. Before Veteran’s Day, they honored local veterans in conjunction with learning about their sacrifices. All of these experiences and more are aimed at connecting lessons to actionable skills.

Our Unified Arts (UA) program continues to provide every student with a well-rounded educational experience by providing weekly library, technology, art, music, physical education, world language, and wellness lessons. Each UA teacher plans lessons around their field of expertise while also co-planning lessons that connect directly to what students are learning in their core subjects.

In addition to our core curriculum, experiential education opportunities, and Unified Arts, students also have a range of co-curricular opportunities. These options range from team sports, student council, and recycling club to the Boys and Girls Club, mountain biking club, and competitive robotics. These are all designed to provide a well-rounded experience for every type of learner from every background. We take pride in this amazing educational program and hope that through continued meaningful community interactions, our school will continue to be successful in its quest to prepare amazing young people.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Sampson  
Principal



## **HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2019**

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Prior to the start of the annual School District meeting, School District Clerk Sara Weinberg administered the oath of office to Malcolm “Tink” Taylor, appointed School District Moderator. The annual School District meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Moderator Malcolm “Tink” Taylor. Ken Evans lead the Pledge of Allegiance. District Clerk Sara Weinberg read the School District voting results. The two School Board Members for three years are Kristina Casey and Joanne Pearce. The Moderator reviewed the ground rules for the District Meeting. School Board Chairperson Joseph Casey introduced members of the School Board. Chairperson Casey thanked outgoing Board Member Lisetta Silvestri for her service. A motion to waive the reading of the Warrant in its entirety was moved by Daniel Rossner and seconded by Nancy Rhum.

### **Article 01: Reports of agents, auditors, committees or officer**

To see what action the School District will take relative to the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers.

Moved by Francis Taylor, seconded by Sallie Fellows. A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

### **Article 02: Technology Upgrades**

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Four Thousand One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$44,120) for Technology Upgrades and to authorize the withdrawal of Forty-Four Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$44,120) from the Technology Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The school board and the budget committee recommend this article. (Majority vote required.)

Moved by Francis Taylor, seconded by Nancy Rhum. School Board Chairperson Joseph Casey explained that this article allows support for technology upgrades for the first of the four-year technology plan. This plan provides individual devices for students in grades 6 and 8 as well as upgrades in technology for classrooms. A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

### **Article 03: Technology Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be placed in the previously established capital reserve fund for the purpose of technology upgrades. The School Board recommends this

## **HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2019 (continued)**

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appropriation and the Budget Committee supports this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Moved by Sallie Fellows, seconded Lewis Mello. A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

### **Article 04: Building Renovation Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) to be placed in the previously established capital reserve fund for building renovations. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee supports this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Moved by Nancy Rhum, seconded by Martha Richards. Martha Richards asked about the planned building renovations. Chairperson Joseph Casey presented information on the School Board's ten-year building capital improvement plan. This plan will address energy efficiency, the school's well and septic system and replacement of the ageing HVAC system. The plan is to have a fixed amount going into capital reserve each year so we will never need to borrow funds for projects and the amount raised will be consistent. A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

### **Article 05: Fund Balance to Building Capital Reserve**

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the School Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised by taxation. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

Moved by Anne Hunnewell, seconded by Millicent "Missy" Mason. Sallie Fellows asked how this capital reserve fund is different from the fund in Article 4. Chairperson Joseph Casey explained that Article 4 will cover anticipated capital improvements and this article will cover unanticipated expenses. A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

### **Article 06: Operating Budget**

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee's recommended amount of Four Million Eighty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Six (\$4,081,906) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual

## **HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2019 (continued)**

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articles addressed separately. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee supports this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Moved by Lewis Mello, seconded by Francis Taylor. Martha Richards asked what the current enrollment is and the cost is per student. Chairperson Joseph Casey answered that the school has 147 students and the cost per student \$23,500. Georgine Fabian asked if the other Warrant Articles are included in the operating budget. Daniel Rossner stated that they are not. A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

The Moderator asked if there was any other business to come before the meeting. The School Board was asked for the balance of the existing Capital Reserve Funds. Dan Rossner answered that the District has a total of \$188,000 in Capital Reserve. With no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was accepted to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Weinberg  
School District Clerk, Holderness

**SPECIAL EDUCATION ACTUAL EXPENDITURE REPORT**

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			Fiscal Year		Fiscal Year
			2017-2018		2018-2019
Expenditures			\$678,151		\$669,168
Revenues			\$108,042		\$101,282
Net Expenditures			\$570,109		\$567,886
\$ increase/decrease					-\$2,223
% increase/decrease					-0.39%

## **OTHER REPORTS**

### **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Holderness, New Hampshire

#### **Additional Offices:**

Nashua, NH  
Andover, MA  
Greenfield, MA  
Ellsworth, ME

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Holderness, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

#### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

The Town's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### **Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the

## AUDITOR'S REPORT (continued)

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financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Holderness, New Hampshire, as of June 30, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Other Matters

#### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis, and certain Pension and OPEB schedules be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with evidence sufficient to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

*Melanson Heath*

February 10, 2020

# AUDITOR'S REPORT – BALANCE SHEET

## TOWN OF HOLDERNESS, NEW HAMPSHIRE

### GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

#### BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 2019

	General	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and short-term investments	\$5,217,167	\$14,695	\$5,231,862
Investments	256,814	-	256,814
Restricted cash	1,126,156	-	1,126,156
Receivables:			
Property taxes	1,444,699	-	1,444,699
Due from other funds	-	57,258	57,258
Other assets	1,979	-	1,979
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$8,046,815</b>	<b>\$71,953</b>	<b>\$8,118,768</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable	\$32,068	-	\$32,068
Accrued liabilities	25,863	-	25,863
Due to other funds	57,258	-	57,258
Other liabilities	11,422	-	11,422
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>126,611</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>126,611</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Unavailable revenues	5,053,826	-	5,053,826
<b>Fund Balances</b>			
Nonspendable	1,739	4,750	6,489
Restructured	-	67,203	67,203
Committed	1,126,156	-	1,126,156
Assigned	15,331	-	15,331
Unassigned	1,723,152	-	1,723,152
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>2,866,378</b>	<b>71,953</b>	<b>2,938,331</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$8,046,815</b>	<b>\$71,953</b>	<b>\$8,118,768</b>

## THE BRIDGE HOUSE

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### Bridge House – More Than a Shelter

Thirty units of Veteran & Veteran Family housing opened Sept 6th at Boulder Point in Plymouth. All units are now occupied. Many of the Vets were one-time guests at the Bridge House. Three are employed full-time or part-time at Flip'n Furniture (the Bridge House thrift shop) on Tenney Mtn. Highway.

A respectful farewell was said to 63-year-old Army Veteran Larry Mackeil. He was a rugged individual who loved nature and lived off the grid – no electricity, no running water, no heat! Many friends visited him before he passed and he was able to kiss his mother one last time. His casket was made of rough pine that was donated by Legg's Logs. It was crafted by hand by former Bridge House guest USMC Veteran Jim in tandem with Bridge House benefactor Kevin Young. Daughter Haley's eulogy included this excerpt, "He realized in that moment how loved he was and reminded us each day how this week has been the happiest week of his life. He said he didn't think dying would be this easy..."

#### Statistics for 2019:

- Bridge House is home to 125 people (19 Veterans, 10 families, 8 children)
- Regional Housing Stabilization (NOT housed at Bridge House) Outreach/Prevention was given for 138 people (5 Veterans, two of whom are in their late 80's; 80 families; 58 kids)
- Total people served is 263

#### Statistics for Holderness:

- Two veterans lived in the shelter for a total of 101 days
- There were 21 prevention visits from July 1 2019 to present via Bridge House Outreach

Bridge House is the only New Hampshire Shelter welcoming a veteran and his or her four-legged sidekick.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Bentwood, RN  
Executive Director





## CADY REPORT

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Communities for Alcohol- and Drug-Free Youth would like to thank the town of Holderness for your support over the past year—together we are building possibilities, potential, and promise for our youth!

Addiction is one of the most complex issues facing New Hampshire today—the consequences of this epidemic are severe with overdose deaths stealing the lives of 471 people in 2018. Use of addictive substances during adolescence poses serious risks of harm, including interference with brain development and significantly increased risk of addiction. We must remember addiction is a progressive disease that's preventable. CADY works to build protective factors and reduce risk for our children and youth, and together with our community partners, we are accomplishing that important goal.

As I write this year's annual report, I am excited to share the progress we made this past year. We have built youth resiliency by providing asset-building, high-impact prevention programming and leadership training for hundreds of area students in grades 5-12. We also continue to provide our most vulnerable youth a second chance to learn, grow, and turn their lives around through our region's juvenile court diversion program, Restorative Justice. Many of the youth referred to Restorative Justice are already struggling with substance use disorders—this vital intervention is preventing entry to the addiction pipeline and saving lives.

Your support this year allowed CADY to continue the implementation of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC). We know the earlier we provide education the greater the likelihood of preventing high-risk behavior before it starts. Parents are the first line of defense and we are proud to work with this empowered network to provide vital information and resources to parents of children as young as toddlers. We also continue to promote the permanent Rx Medication Drop Box at the Plymouth Police Department where Pemi-Baker area residents are safely disposing of unwanted or expired prescriptions to prevent the diversion of potentially harmful drugs to children and youth. We are proud to collaborate with the Plymouth Police Department, Speare Memorial Hospital, and the Central NH Public Health Network on this important prevention initiative, so let's TAKE IT TO THE BOX!

Our community outreach includes an ongoing media campaign designed to raise awareness on substance misuse and solutions with CADY Corner submissions to the Record Enterprise, school newsletters, and the PennySaver, as well as social media sites, Facebook and YouTube. We also host a video library and other outstanding resources for parents and community on our website: [cadyinc.org](http://cadyinc.org).

## **CADY REPORT (continued)**

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Beyond our primary prevention mission, our work with the Substance Use Disorders Continuum of Care included helping to launch Plymouth Area Recovery Connection at Whole Village Family Resource Center; spearheading the Rural Communities Opioid Response Consortium; providing resources to families of children struggling with addiction so they can access services that may save their children's lives; and hosting numerous community trainings.

While we are grateful for our many successes, we have a long way to go. Together we can protect our children and erase the devastating headlines of addiction and overdose deaths by stopping the problem before it starts. Thank you, Holderness, for your ongoing support of prevention and active participation!

Sincerely,

Deb Naro  
Executive Director



## EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR REPORT

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On January 3, 2019, I passed my one-year anniversary serving on the Executive Council for District One.

This District is made up of over 100 towns and four cities (Berlin, Claremont, Laconia and Lebanon). It covers up to ½ of the land area from Tilton to Pittsburg.

The Council, which has 5 members, each represent approximately 275,000 constituents. The Council meets approximately every 2 weeks and most of the meetings are held in Concord, except for the 6 meetings during the summer. These summer meetings are held in the five Council Districts along with one hosted by the Governor. I chose Littleton and will be looking for a community to host the meeting next summer.

The Executive Council votes on all contracts with the state over \$10,000 as well as appointments to Boards and Commissions. Fifty-four persons from District One were confirmed to various positions on State Boards and Commissions this year. The Council also votes on Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners of State Agencies as well as confirms the appointment of judges to serve in New Hampshire District, Supreme and Superior Courts.

I have traveled to all the towns and cities as well as the seven counties in this District. The function that I enjoy the most is constituent service. I like to assist, if I can, with the issues that arise from individual concerns to general issues in towns and cities in the District. You can always reach out to me with issues of concern.

This year I hosted the Department of Transportation GACIT Meetings in Lebanon, Claremont, Berlin and North Conway. GACIT stands for The Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation. This Commission is required to propose a

## EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR REPORT (continued)

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plan for improvements to our state transportation system every two years, ultimately creating what is known as the Ten Year Highway Plan.

If you wish to serve on any Boards or Commissions, please submit your resume to me and Jonathan Melanson of the Governor's office. The Boards and Commissions, along with the qualifications needed, can be reviewed at <http://sos.nh.gov/GC2.aspx>.

Please feel free to contact me if you feel I can be helpful. My contact information is Michael.Cryans@NH.gov or 603-443-1901 or PO Box 999, Hanover, NH 03755.

Remember, I am here to serve you.

Sincerely,

Michael Cryans  
Executive Councilor, District One

Entire Counties of Coos and Grafton, the incorporated place of Hale's Location, the towns of Albany, Alton, Andover, Bartlett, Brookfield, Center Harbor, Chatham, Conway, Cornish, Croydon, Danbury, Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Gilford, Grantham, Hart's Location, Hill, Jackson, Madison, Meredith, Middleton, Milton, Moultonborough, New Durham, New Hampton, New London, Newport, Ossipee, Plainfield, Sanbornton, Sandwich, Springfield, *Sunapee*, Tamworth, Tilton, Tuftonboro, Wakefield, Wilmot and Wolfeboro, and the cities of Claremont and Laconia

## **FRIENDS OF THE PEMI - LIVERMORE FALLS CHAPTER**

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Friends of the Pemi – Livermore Falls Chapter is still active in transforming the park at Livermore Falls into a recreational, environmental and cultural asset for our communities and the State of New Hampshire. The number of visitors continues to grow and this place is used frequently by educators, historians, and archeologists to document the importance of its impact on our local commerce. If you have been to the park in Holderness, you have noted our accomplishments of the last seven years. And, we continue to look for new volunteers to help us finish and monitor Livermore Falls for the benefit of all concerned.

Just as we turned our attention last year to the west side of the river in Campton a series of setbacks delayed our work there. It took longer than anticipated to acquire the property on Route 3 that will hold the new parking lot. Then, our state engineer who designed the parking lot on the east side had an accident putting him out of commission for an extended period. We proceeded to lose our Volunteer Coordinator to a different position within the state and our leader from the Department of Historical Resources (DHR) was promoted to a higher position. In short, we have been “on hold” for most of the year and work in Campton has yet to begin.

As of now we have a new Volunteer Coordinator and if the DHR position is filled soon, 2020 should become the magical year when both sides of the river are completed. New interpretive signage has been designed and ordered with placement scheduled for the Spring (we will need volunteers to help with installation). Our Friends group will be greeting this summer, hopefully on both sides of the river.

Relationships with our local towns and the state could not be better and we look forward to some fun time as the weather warms (it always does). I have said it before. The sky is the limit for what we can accomplish at Livermore Falls. With your participation and enthusiasm, the community visioning sessions held nearly six years ago will become a reality.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Evans  
Evanmead139@gmail.com

## **GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.**

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Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our communities' older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln; and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center and RSVP's Volunteer Center. Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, community dining programs, transportation, outreach and counseling, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2018-19, 53 older residents of Holderness were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center; 31 were assisted by ServiceLink:

- Older adults from Holderness enjoyed 1,187 balanced meals in the company of friends in the Plymouth center's dining room.
- They received 1,654 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Holderness residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 146 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- Holderness residents participated in activities at the Plymouth Regional Senior Center on 830 occasions.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 19 visits with a trained outreach worker and 98 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Holderness citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 372 hours of volunteer service.

## **GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC. (continued)**

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The cost to provide Council services for Holderness residents in 2018-19 was \$33,209.64.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical. Holderness's population over age 60 increased by 89.2% over the past 20 years, according to U.S. Census data from 1990 to 2010.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Holderness's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Vasconcelos  
Executive Director

## HOLDERNESS HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

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### Officers

Linda Foerderer – President  
Susan Kemp - Vice President  
Missy Mason - Treasurer  
Cynthia Murray – Secretary

### Directors

Lynn Durham  
Ron Huntoon  
Mary Elizabeth Nielsen  
Patty Sue Salvador  
Tink Taylor

The Holderness Historical Society thanks the town and our members for financial support. This year we provided programs with over 150 people attending. Several hundred people toured the museum, which we continue to maintain, upgrade and provide special exhibits.

### Programs

This year we partnered with the Holderness Library to present three programs sponsored by the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

- Robert Rogers of the Rangers – Tragic Hero – George Morrison
- The Making of Strawberry Banke – J. Dennis Robinson
- New England Lighthouses and the People Who Kept Them – Jeremy D'Entremont

### Museum Building

- Maintained and updated a research/library area to allow people to research families, cemeteries, camps, historical events and places.
- Maintained the heat and humidity required for the dugout canoe.

### Historical Projects

- Produced biannual Newsletters with articles of local history.
- Provided help with genealogy research on Holderness residents.
- Sold books and old maps of Squam Lake and Holderness.



## HOLDERNESS HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT (continued)

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- Presented two special exhibits – *Art and Memorabilia of Helen Nicolay* paintings from the collection of Patty Sue Salvador and an exhibit of our newly acquired dugout canoe.
- Expanded our collection with the donations of artifacts.

### Community

- Our large meeting room and kitchen are available free of charge to Holderness community groups.
- Worked with *Flowers on the Bridge* installing a new irrigation pump and will be replacing at least two of the boxes due to wood rot in the spring.
- 4<sup>th</sup> graders from the Holderness Central School visited in the spring.
- Have kept our website updated – [www.holdernesshistoricalsociety.org](http://www.holdernesshistoricalsociety.org).

### Future

- Genealogical research is presently being performed to ascertain the age of our dugout canoe.
- We will continue to be a seasonal organization with public programs and meetings May through October.
- School tours will continue to be available in May, June, September and October.
- We will continue the cataloging of our books and pamphlets and plan to expand materials in our research/library area to make researching families, cemeteries, camps, and other historical events and places simpler.
- Next summer there will again be a special exhibit in the museum.

**The Holderness Historical Society needs more volunteers  
to help preserve the history of our Town.**

## LAKES REGION MENTAL HEALTH CENTER REPORT

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Lakes Region Mental Health Center (LRMHC), formerly Genesis Behavioral Health, founded in 1996, is designated by the State of New Hampshire as the community mental health center (CMHC) serving the 24 towns that make up Belknap and southern Grafton Counties. LRMHC provides comprehensive, integrated mental health treatment for people living with, and recovering from, mental illness and/or emotional distress. LRMHC provides Emergency Services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to anyone in the community experiencing a mental health crisis, regardless of their ability to pay. Additionally, LRMHC provides individual, group and family therapy; mobile crisis teams in the event a tragic event occurs that impacts a community at large, psychiatry; nursing; community support programs for people with severe and persistent mental illness; care management; community-based supports; housing; supported employment; substance use disorder treatment; and specialty services and evidence-based practices for children and their families, including trauma-focused therapy, art therapy and play therapy. Child Impact seminars are offered in Laconia and Plymouth for divorcing families. LRMHC owns two handicapped accessible vans and provides transportation services to patients in the greater Plymouth and Laconia areas as a means to enhance access to care in this rural area.

LRMHC's 195 employees served 4,081 children, adults and families. During this same time period, we provided over \$1.2 million of charity care.

In 2019, 27 residents of Holderness received services from LRMHC, and 8 of these individuals utilized Emergency Services. LRMHC provided \$7,024 in charitable care to Holderness residents. The age breakdown is as follows:

	<b>Patients Served- LRMHC</b>	<b>Charitable Care in \$</b>	<b>Patients Served ES</b>
Children (0 to 17 yrs)	9	\$0	4
Adults (18 to 61 yrs)	14	\$6,944	3
Elder (62 + years)	4	\$80	0

### **What are Emergency Services (ES)?**

Emergency Services are mandated by the State of New Hampshire to be provided by each community mental health center. ES provides access to Master's level clinicians and psychiatrists by any resident of an organization in Belknap and southern Grafton counties 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The goal of ES is to reduce the individual's acute psychiatric symptoms, reduce risk of harm to self and others, and assist in returning the individual to pre-crisis level functioning. ES is provided through a 24-hour Emergency Hotline, crisis stabilization, mobile crisis response, assessment and evaluation (in person, via telephone or via telemedicine) and voluntary or involuntary hospitalization.

## LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

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The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is a voluntary organization of 30 municipalities within a state-defined planning area established under NH RSA 36:45. Regional planning commissions strive to respond to and shape the pressures of change in a meaningful way, both locally and regionally, through communication, joint initiatives, and planning. LRPC's professional staff

provide regional planning services and local technical assistance. Here are some highlights of our services and activities over the past fiscal year:

### **Local Services, Holderness**

- Provided information on flood boundaries and zoning maps to Holderness Commissioner and Planning Board Chair; discussed mapping flood protection layers with Planning Board Chair and provided refined GIS map showing contours on zoning and FEMA maps.
- Researched and answered Planning Board questions about Development of Regional Impact (DRI) guidelines; fire code requirements for building height and setbacks; soil survey requirements in a subdivision; site plan regulations; and zoning on soil-based lot sizing.
- Provided information on solar ordinances to the Planning Board.
- Continued assistance with local efforts to establish a scenic byway on Route 113, making tourists and visitors aware of the historic, scenic, cultural sites, amenities, and activities in the tri-villages. Guided compilation and analysis of Traffic Count data along Lakes Region Scenic Tour and potential NH 113/113A corridor utilizing TDMS (Transportation Data Management System). Responded to Town Administrator inquiry regarding traffic counts and associated costs.
- Mapped cell phone service in Holderness for AT&T, T-Mobile, and Verizon.
- Enabled Town electricity savings of \$1,096.00 through our Regional Electricity Aggregation Initiative.
- Coordinated our annual summer Household Hazardous Waste Collection with Holderness as one of 25 participating members for a substantial group savings. This regional effort enables residents to protect the groundwater our region depends on for drinking water, domestic use, and a tourism-based economy.
- Facilitated the bulk purchase and distribution of the new edition of the *New Hampshire Planning and Land Use Regulation* books at a substantial discount.

### **Regional Planning and Purchasing**

- Reviewed Developments of Regional Impact, as required by NH RSA 36:54,

## LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT (continued)

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initiated by Andover, Belmont, Plymouth, Sanbornton, and Tuftonboro, and provided feedback per LRPC guidelines.

- Completed 7 intergovernmental reviews of federally funded regional projects, as required by NH OSI.
- As an aggregator of electricity and heating fuel, facilitated the regional group purchase of energy for participating members, including three school districts and one county, for total savings of \$76,678 for electricity and \$11,749 for oil and propane for the year.
- Issued a Request for Proposals on behalf of five school districts for regional student transportation services to pursue and determine the feasibility of shared bus services.
- Conducted an innovative joint transportation and solid waste management meeting to address the use of crushed recycled glass as a base material in road and trail projects.

### **Economic Development**

- Coordinated over \$250,000 in EPA, NHDES, and LRPC grant funding to conduct environmental assessments on the Lakes Region Facility brownfields property (former Laconia State School) and cleared the way for several proposed redevelopment scenarios to move forward; LRPC will help obtain implementation funding.
- Completed year two of a two-year Targeted Block Grant project via NH OSI.
- As the designated Local Development District (LDD), provided grant administration services for seven grants awarded by the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC), a federal-state funding partnership, to member towns and local organizations who applied for projects.

### **Solid Waste Management**

- With funding from a successful USDA Solid Waste and Water Management grant, provided technical training and educational programs via four problem-solving roundtable sessions for solid waste operators, municipal officials, and other stakeholders on Food Waste & Composting; Disposal and Uses of Glass in Transportation; Capped Landfill Maintenance 101; and Reducing the Grey Area between Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and Small Quantity Generators (SQGs).
- Worked with New Hampshire's Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to educate solid waste operators and community leaders about their capped landfill responsibilities.
- Researched and mapped local and regional solid waste data. Established three compost pilot projects.

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT (continued)

- Applied for nationally competitive funding to continue our Solid Waste Management program in FY21.
- Coordinated our **33rd Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection**, always held *last Saturday of July / first Saturday of August*, among 8 locations and 25 participating member communities. Partnered with Plymouth State University’s Technical Communications class to increase participation at our Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) events and address local recycling issues.

HHW By the Numbers...

• Regional planning commissions.....	1
• Number of days .....	2
• Locations .....	8
• Participating communities .....	25
• Years of collections .....	33
• Percentage of NH’s surface water contained within the Lakes Region....	40
• Volunteers .....	80+
• Participating households.....	1,592
• Compact Fluorescent Lamp (CFL) bulbs accepted .....	1,739
• Feet of fluorescent tubing dropped off .....	22,086
• Pounds of hazardous substances properly disposed of .....	61,660

*Protecting the Lakes Region of New Hampshire ..... Priceless*

Transportation

- Provided assistance to Carroll County and Mid-State Regional Coordinating Councils (RCCs) regarding public transportation. Together with Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC), prepared an update to the Mid-State RCC’s 2007/2010 Coordinated Transit and Human Services Transportation Plan.
- Worked with member towns, the TAC, and NHDOT to prioritize funding and transportation improvements for the Transportation Improvement Program as part of the State Ten Year Plan process.
- Completed regional analysis for freight planning, identifying bottlenecks, truck back-ups, and other issues affecting heavy commerce in the region and for regional bike-ability for the Statewide Pedestrian and Bike Transportation Plan.
- Continued working with the Lakes Region Scenic Byway Advisory Committee to spur economic development and preserve regional scenic quality and visitor experiences.
- Coordinated with NHDOT Safety Engineer and municipal officials to respond to road safety issues in several communities with accident problems.

## **LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT (continued)**

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- Completed regional analysis for freight planning, identifying bottlenecks, truck back-ups, and other issues affecting heavy commerce in the Lakes Region.
- Completed Cell Phone Signal Mapping project, with the help of volunteer drivers, to assist towns with inaccurate cell service coverage vendor claims affecting community safety and commerce.

### **Watershed Management**

- Provided technical and administrative support, including coordinating monthly meetings, to the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC), a state-chartered advisory committee under the Rivers Management and Protection Program per NH RSA 483.
- Completed two Watershed Assistance Section 319 Grant projects through the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) for the Winnisquam Watershed and the Squam Lakes Association.
- Completed a Water Quality Planning 604(b) Grant project through NHDES, working with the Town of Moultonborough and the Lake Winnepesaukee Association (LWA), to create a replicable septic system improvement model, including risk analysis, sample ordinance, and an educational toolkit to address nutrient loading from aging or failing septic systems.
- Applied for competitive federal-state funding opportunity and was awarded a \$14,000 Local Source Water Protection Grant from the NH Department of Environmental services for a project to protect public drinking water systems within member towns New Hampton and Plymouth.

### **Community Outreach & Education**

- Convened six Commission meetings during the fiscal year and facilitated discussion on topics including Updated Guidelines for Developments of Regional Impact; Becoming Age-Friendly Communities; Solid Waste Management Grant program initiatives; Regional Transportation Planning; and a legislative forum on Economic Development.
- Honored six individuals and three organizations at our June 24th Annual Meeting with awards for outstanding service to their communities, including the first-ever Chairman's Inspirational Award.
- Hosted a regional Planners Roundtable in April to share and discuss local and regional planning issues, including accessory dwelling units (ADUs), short-term rentals, and cell towers.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Hayes, MRP  
Executive Director

## MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE REPORT

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The annual Memorial Day Service took place on Monday, May 27, 2019 at 11 A.M. Celebrants gathered at the Holderness Honor Roll Monument on the Library grounds. Select Board Chair, Jill White offered a warm welcome to all and spoke of the importance of remembering the service and ultimate sacrifice of those who have served our country to keep us all free and uphold the values of the Founding Fathers.

The Dupuis-Cross Post 15 American Legion once again honored veterans in a solemn and respectful ceremony which included the Ladies Auxiliary recitation of “Flanders Fields”. The Commander led the ceremony and the Chaplain offered a prayer for all veterans before the Sergeant-at-Arms placed the memorial wreath at the Monument. That was followed by a three-volley gun to honor all those who have died in service to our nation. Tim Hazelton sounded taps in a final tribute.

The Holderness Central School band and chorus performed the Star Spangled Banner followed by the playing of Anasazi, and closed the ceremony with a piece entitled Fanfare Heroica.

It was, as always, a solemn and uplifting event. It was gratifying to see so many residents in attendance to honor those who have served so bravely.

In conjunction with the Memorial Day remembrance, the Holderness Library held their annual Book & Bake Sale which was, as usual, a great opportunity for all in attendance to socialize and support our wonderful Library.

The Holderness Central School 4<sup>th</sup> grade class was once again responsible for planting the red, white and blue flowers around the Monument continuing this annual tradition to help the students appreciate Memorial Day and contribute to the event through this service. We are grateful for their participation.

**Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation’s service.**

## PEMI-BAKER COMMUNITY HEALTH

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Pemi-Baker Community Health (PBCH) is a non-profit offering a wide range of vital health services to residents of 18 Central NH towns. This past year PBCH provided almost 15,000 home visits delivering skilled nursing, physical, occupational, and speech therapy, hospice end of life care, palliative care, and social work to residents regardless of their ability to pay.

In the 53 years of Pemi-Baker Community Health's existence, we have never experienced such growth in our organization as we are seeing today. The demand for compassionate services in your community has risen steadily and thanks to community support, we have been able to meet the ongoing needs of every resident, in spite of the uncertain financial and regulatory climate in which we operate.

Rising health care costs and reductions in government funding have put needed health care out of reach for too many of our neighbors and friends. Pemi-Baker will continue to provide care, regardless of ability to pay. Town funds are used to provide services to those with limited or no ability to pay, and to augment (as in Hospice care) the cost of services that are not covered through third party payers. Our agency is dependent upon charitable donations, town funds, and grants to provide services.

Health is not a moment in time, but an ongoing adventure. Decisions about being healthy happen from the day we are born until the day we die. PBCH's programs assist members of our community in this journey to become and stay healthy, and with Hospice, we make the end of life journey one of hope and dignity, while putting the patient/family in the driver's seat. Most of our community members would choose to remain healthy at home and many have been able to realize this possibility.

Pemi-Baker Community Health is interested in the complete health of the community. Our primary services are:

- Home Health – nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, social work, LNAs and nutritional counseling in the home setting



## **PEMI-BAKER COMMUNITY HEALTH (continued)**

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- Hospice – nursing, therapies, social work, spiritual care counseling, bereavement services, hospice doctor, LNAs, hospice trained volunteers, 24/7 on call support, and medical supplies in the home setting
- Palliative Care - nursing, therapies, social work, and LNAs in the home setting
- Facility-based Therapy – physical, occupational, and aquatic therapy in our facility

In addition, PBCH provides:

- American Red Cross CPR/First Aid/Lifeguarding
- Bereavement Group Workshops
- Blood Pressure Clinics
- Children's Swim Lessons
- Community Information Workshops
- Foot Clinics
- Gym and Aquatic Membership/Classes
- Joint Mobility Classes
- Nutrition & Health Presentations
- Widows & Widowers Workshops

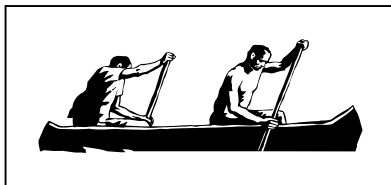
We are pleased to be part of your community and touching lives: yours, your family's, and your neighbor's, in a partnership to improve health and lives.

Thank you for all your support!

Chandra Engelbert, RN, BSN, MBA  
Chief Executive Officer

## PEMEGEWASSET RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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The Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC) has been designated as *the* group of appointed local representatives that oversees the Pemigewasset River corridor (one quarter mile on either side of the river) that traverses the municipalities of Ashland, Bridgewater, Bristol, Campton, Franconia, Franklin, Hill, Holderness, New Hampton, Plymouth, Sanbornton, and Thornton. PRLAC members review and comment on state and local permits for activities impacting the corridor, and they communicate with municipalities and citizens regarding corridor management. The NH Dept. of Environmental Services (NHDES) is not staffed to visit most permit application sites. Site visits by PRLAC are conducted with the property owner or an agent. We often recommend some changes, but we have no authority to deny approval. In 2019, NHDES asked PRLAC to perform ten onsite visits at sites. The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) provides administrative and technical assistance to PRLAC.

The Pemi is a Class B river, meaning that it has high aesthetic value and is acceptable for swimming and other recreational activities, fish habitat, and for use as a public water supply after treatment. Our mission is to do those things necessary to maintain the Pemi's Class B water quality status. Historically, the Pemi has had a wide variety of surface water problems. PRLAC has had much experience in identifying potential water quality issues before they become a crisis, and make suggestions for prevention and remediation.

**Key Events:** PRLAC remained focused on its role as intervenor in the Northern Pass permit application process. PRLAC continued to provide testimony for the NH Supreme Court as it formulated its response to Northern Pass' request for reconsideration of Site Evaluation Committee's decision. After the SEC completed its deliberations, PRLAC started taking up some of the items described in the "Pemigewasset River Corridor Management Plan."

(<http://lakesrpc.org/PRLAC/files/PemiCorrMgmentPlan2013.final.pdf>). Specifically, those "Water Quality" action items were discussed on how to proceed with several of the activities that were identified in Appendix N of the plan. PRLAC then had an opportunity to focus on additional tasks. We were able to start taking up some of the items described in the Management Plan. Specifically, those "Water Quality" action items were discussed on how to proceed with several of the activities that were identified in Appendix N of the plan.

## PEMEGEWASSET RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (continued)

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Water quality testing on the Pemi and three of its tributaries is in concert with NHDES' Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP). Testing takes place at 9 stations from Bristol to Thornton and runs from April into September. Tests are conducted for Dissolved Oxygen, pH, Turbidity, Specific Conductance, temperature and chloride; all key elements in assessing overall river health. Periodic tests are also made for E coli, total phosphorus and nitrogen at popular recreation sites on the river. The analytical results of the quality indicators show that water quality continues to be good, with the only exception being a lower than neutral pH at the majority of the sites tested. Historically, the pH levels show a tendency to be slightly acidic and below NHDES limits for water quality standards. Although the pH levels in 2019 were not any different from previous years, all other indicators were fine and consistent with the Pemi's historical profile. The river remains in great shape. The full results of our testing are analyzed and posted on NHDES website (<https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/vrap/pemigewasset/index.htm>).

In mid-May SkiFanatik's hosted a river clean-up event with free kayak/canoe rental and shuttle services for anyone who agreed to pick up trash along the river from Memorial Bridge (Robins Nest Road) in Thornton to Branch Brook Campground in Campton. Consider joining us for the Pemi River Clean-Up Day in 2020!

**Focus in 2020:** Four years ago, the focus was stormwater runoff and its implications such as flooding, erosion, and non-point source pollution. Additional work for 2020 will likely include a return to seeking an update/revision to the "Pemigewasset River Corridor Management Plan". We anticipate that it may take up to two years to obtain the funds, identify the necessary resources, contemporize and then update and republish this valuable document. PRLAC will be operating under new DES rules that determine how the state's Local Advisory Committees will respond to development along the identified river corridors. It may take some time to integrate those rules and operate under new scope and time requirements that DES now places on us.

PRLAC continues to benefit from the financial support we receive from the majority of the Pemi Corridor towns. For that, we are very thankful! Your contribution goes directly towards protection of this key corridor resource. All corridor communities receive our monthly meeting agendas and minutes. PRLAC meets at 7 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the months of January through November; usually at Plymouth's Pease Public Library. All are encouraged to attend, and you can find out more information from the following website: <http://www.lakesrpc.org/prlac/prlacindex.asp>.

William Bolton, Chair

## SQUAM LAKES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT

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The Squam Lakes Association (SLA) is dedicated to conserving for public benefit the natural beauty, peaceful character, and resources of the watershed. In collaboration with local and state partners the SLA promotes the protection, careful use and shared enjoyment of the lakes, mountains, forests, open spaces, and wildlife of the Squam Lakes region.

The SLA continued expanding and improving its conservation mission throughout 2019. The Lakes Region Conservation Corps (LRCC), an AmeriCorp program designed and administered by the Squam Lakes Association, completed its first full year as a build out program under the Federal Corporation for National Community Service.

Overall, Lakes Region Conservation Corps members completed 112 miles of trail work, removed 39.55 acres of invasive species, and reached 3,356 individuals with conservation education programming in 2019. The majority of these initiatives occur in the Squam Lakes region under the supervision of the SLA, but also includes the work of our neighboring host sites: the Squam Lakes Conservation Society, the Lakes Region Conservation Trust, and Camp Hale. Additional host sites include the Lake Winnepesaukee Association, Newfound Lake Region Association, the Green Mountain Conservation Group (protecting Lake Ossipee), and NH Lakes. For another year, we were able to deliver year-round programs and mission work at both the SLA and the Green Mountain Conservation Group.

### ***Conservation:***

In 2019 our dive crew removed 268 gallons of invasive variable milfoil from the Squam Lakes and Squam River. This is a marked decrease from the previous year's yield of 2,283 gallons, which indicates the success of our management efforts throughout the years. We observed little to no milfoil plants in many historically-infested sites throughout the Squam Lakes and, while milfoil infestations are still present in parts of the Squam River, we've successfully contained the majority of growth to the sites immediately upstream from the Ashland dam.

To further our commitment to conservation and sustainability, we installed a solar array on the roof of the SLA building. This should generate enough power to make the entire SLA campus carbon neutral. We have a meter in the building to show the effectiveness of the array, and we plan on taking further steps in our local effort to combat climate change through reducing our own greenhouse contributions. We hope that this model will also show the general public one way that they can reduce their own footprint.

The Watershed Plan was completed in December and we will begin its implementation this year.

## **SQUAM LAKES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT (continued)**

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We would like to thank Rebecca Hanson for her efforts as our Director of Conservation, for all her work over the years, particularly her efforts towards the watershed plan. Rebecca has taken the Executive Director position at the Newfound Lake Region Association.

### ***Education:***

This summer four Holderness Central School (HCS) students received scholarships to attend our Junior Squam Lakes Association and Community Youth Sailing Program summer camps. Many other Holderness residents and visitors enjoyed a week of camp. In addition to summer camp, we continue to offer year round conservation programs, including two new school break camps in February and April, as well as continuing our work with the HCS afterschool program, where we run a weekly conservation program for the school at no charge to introduce students to conservation and nature in their back yards. In 2019 SLA education programs (Guided Hikes, Adventure Ecology Programs, Squam Speaker Series, Nature Inspired Art, etc.) reached 2,166 people.

### ***Trails and Access:***

We continue to manage 50 plus miles of trail across the watershed and to work closely with the Holderness Police Department to manage crowding at the Rattlesnake parking lot and the Old Bridle Path. In 2019 we committed 1,084 crews hours to the maintenance of the trails, 632 hours were spent maintaining trails in Holderness. The work we conducted included replacing old signage, removing blowdowns, clearing brush, and maintaining drainage systems in order to reduce impact to the surrounding ecosystem. This enabled people to easily navigate the trails, and ensured that the trails are safe. We also signed an MOU with the Holderness Conservation Committee, and our crew of LRCC are helping to maintain the trails in the Pilote Forest. In 2019, our LRCC crew dedicated 30 crew hours to the maintenance of the Pilote Forest and surrounding town forest trails.

Rattlesnake trail remains a popular destination for tourist in the region. We counted over 13,000 hikers over 57 days at the trailhead from June through November, predominantly over the weekends. We are noticing a positive impact of the no parking signs along NH Route 113 around Rattlesnake. We will continue to work with Holderness PD to ensure safety around the trailhead. We also continue to work with the University of New Hampshire on projects to sustain the significant number of hikers up to Rattlesnake. This year LRCC members worked with UNH to finish installing waterbars and trail hardening materials on the trail.

## SQUAM LAKES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

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### ***Outreach and Volunteerism:***

Through volunteerism, we have the opportunity to share our mission of conserving the Squam Watershed so that rather than being a mission that belongs solely to the SLA, it becomes one that is valued and upheld by our community as a whole.

In 2019, the Squam Lakes Association had 216 individual volunteers who contributed 989 hours to our conservation efforts. These volunteer experiences, many of which that were led by LRCC members, included identifying and removing terrestrial invasive plants, maintaining our trails for public access, protecting loon chicks through our monitoring program, and collecting water quality samples from the Squam Lakes throughout both the summer and winter.

We would like to thank Melissa Leszek, who advanced our volunteer program over the last several years, implementing the High Impact Volunteer Experience program through NH Volunteer, which professionalized our volunteer program. Melissa has moved to the Nature Conservancy, and we wish her the best there as she continues to work hard for NH conservation.

We welcomed Angi Francesco as our new Director of Development in July, Adel Barnes who moved from her service as a Lakes Region Conservation Corp member into Melissa Leszek's position in November, and Tyson Morrill who started with us this January as our new Director of Conservation.

Respectfully submitted,

EB James  
Executive Director

## SQUAM LAKES CONSERVATION SOCIETY REPORT

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The Squam Lakes Conservation Society (SLCS) is a land trust dedicated to the protection of Squam's natural resources. We achieve the permanent protection of land by seeking, holding, and monitoring conservation easements and through land ownership. Our activities are accomplished in cooperation with the Holderness Conservation Commission, other conservation organizations, government agencies, businesses, residents, landowners, and members.

SLCS is one of New Hampshire's oldest land trusts. We will be celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> year of serving the Squam watershed in 2020. With 151 completed projects and almost 10,000 acres of protected land in our care, SLCS plays an important role in our community and its future.

In Holderness, SLCS is responsible for the stewardship of 42 properties covering 4,320 acres, including the Holderness Town Beach, a significant portion of the Squam Range, and several properties in the West Rattlesnake area. In 2019, Tom Howe donated a conservation easement protecting 20 acres along Bennett Brook, Rockywold Deephaven Camps sold a conservation easement protecting the Old Bridle Trail lot, Scott Pulsifer donated 30 acres of land off of Route 175, and Tim and Audrey Fisher transferred ownership of the Burleigh Rangeway on Route 175, and four other completed projects in the Squam watershed.

As "Squam's Land Trust," the Conservation Society is grateful to its members for making land conservation a priority. We continue to rely on volunteers to steward and monitor our protected properties, and will gladly provide training.

Looking forward, we will continue to co-host forums and Science Pubs related to Climate Change. Our 60<sup>th</sup> year celebration will take place on August 15<sup>th</sup> at True Farm in Holderness.

For more information, our website is [foreversquam.org](https://foreversquam.org), or call 968-7900.

Roger Larochelle  
Alicia Abbott  
Zak Brohinsky  
Pete Helm  
Doug Hill

## SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER REPORT

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*The Science Center wishes to thank the Holderness community  
for its continued support!*



- More than 71,000 visitors toured the live animal exhibit trail between May 1 and November 1; over 9,600 passengers enjoyed guided Squam Lake Cruises; in total more than 100,000 people learned about environmental education from the Science Center.
- Dinosaurs invaded Holderness with the Dinosaurs Alive! Exhibit. The exhibit was a popular draw for visitors from near and far, from July through September.
- A number of special events took place throughout the trail season along with programming for various ages. Science Pubs for adults (with Squam Lakes Association and Squam Lakes Conservation Society) and Nature Play Time for the youngest naturalists were both very popular.
- The Science Center joined Museums for All and offered trail admission of \$3 per person for up to four people with presentation of a SNAP EBT card.
- Science Center members received reciprocal admission benefits to other organizations including Canterbury Shaker Village, Mount Washington Observatory, The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens, Currier Museum of Art, McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center; and Children's Museum of New Hampshire.
- The First Guides Teen Volunteer Program celebrated 10 years with over 100 teens ages 14 to 17 graduating from the program. In 2019, the teen participants focused on community action projects culminating in a video presentation about what they learned.
- Blue Heron School began the school year in its new location with 40 students.
- Dave Erler celebrated 40 years at the Science Center and received the Legacy Award from the New Hampshire Environmental Educators and a commendation from Governor Chris Sununu for his dedication to nature ecology. He taught his last program on November 1 before his retirement.



## STATE FOREST RANGER & FOREST FIRE WARDEN REPORT

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This past year we were fortunate enough to have favorable weather conditions in the spring and summer which limited the amount of wildfire activity throughout the state. Your local fire departments and the Division of Forests & Lands worked throughout the year to protect homes and the forests. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. The towers' fire detection efforts are supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger is especially high.

Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Every year New Hampshire sees fires which threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildfire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

The Forest Protection Bureau and local fire departments were very busy this year celebrating Smokey Bear's 75<sup>th</sup> year preventing wildfires. Many events were held at local libraries, in fact, this program was so successful we will be offering it again in 2020. We were fortunate enough to partner with the Northeast Forest Fire Protection Compact and bring the Smokey Hot Air Balloon to Franconia Notch in August. The weather was fantastic and hundreds of people got the chance to ride in the balloon! Smokey's message has always been about personal responsibility – remember his ABC's: Always Be Careful with fire. If you start a fire, put it out when you are done. **“Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!”**

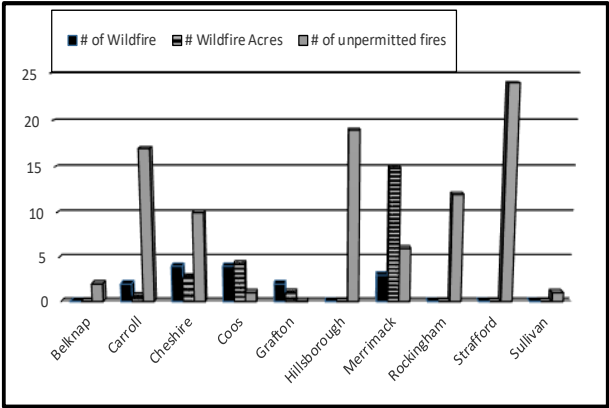


**STATE FOREST RANGER & FOREST FIRE WARDEN REPORT**  
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As we prepare for the 2020 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting [www.NHfirepermit.com](http://www.NHfirepermit.com). The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services (DES). You are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-3503 or [www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov) for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nh.gov/nhdf/](http://www.nh.gov/nhdf/).

**2019 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS**

(All fires reported as of December 2019)



Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2019	15	23.5	92
2018	53	46	91
2017	65	134	100
2016	351	1090	159
2015	143	665	180

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED								
(These numbers do not include the WMNF)								
Arson	Debris Burning	Campfire	Children	Smoking	Railroad	Equipment	Lightning	Misc.
4	3	1	0	1	1	1	1	3

## UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION REPORT

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The mission of UNH Cooperative Extension is to strengthen people and communities in New Hampshire by providing trusted knowledge, practical education and cooperative solutions. We work in four broad topic areas; Youth and Family Development, Community and Economic Development, Natural Resources, and Food and Agriculture.

A few highlights of our impacts are:

- Judith Hull joined the staff in March. Judith's work supports the Grafton County Master Gardeners who offer education to community members with science-based gardening guidance.
- Michal Lunak collaborated with colleagues to host farm safety trainings, a New Hampshire Veterans in Agriculture workshop, and webinars on changes in tax laws.
- Mary Choate taught several food safety classes, including ServSafe® to 89 restaurant and healthcare staff and S.A.F.E. to 110 restaurant, food pantry, childcare, elder care and camp staff.
- Heather Bryant worked with partners across NH, VT and ME to complete a USDA SARE funded multi-year multi-location research and education project looking at fertility and pest management options in high tunnel tomatoes.
- Geoffrey Sewake completed the pilot of the Downtowns & Trails Program in Bristol, which examined ways to better catalyze the community's village center and multiuse trail that connects to Newfound Lake.
- Jim Frohn conducted 58 woodlot visits covering 7600 acres, and referred 36 landowners, owning 2514 acres, to consulting foresters.
- Under the guidance of Donna Lee, 86 screened 4-H leaders worked with 224 youth (ages 5-18) on projects which enhanced their personal development and increased their life-skills.
- Lisa Ford, taught more than 450 youth, adults, and seniors in a variety of nutrition education and food security lessons throughout Grafton County.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Lee  
County Office Administrator

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